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マッグガーデン

あなたにとって大切な思いはなんですか？

創造主の力を得るため、約束の地へ向かうニルヴァーナ。
自身の出生の秘密を知ったみおは、
再び立ち上がることができるのか…。
思いの強さが力になる。大冒険バトルファンタジー感動の最終巻！

TSUTSUI TAISHI COMMENT

筒井先生に感謝して楽しい思いばかりじゃない。
悔しい涙も、苦しいこともくさんある。
…と思っていたけど、実は楽しい事ばっかりでした。
あっという間の2年半だったけど、本当に応援ありがとう！
では又いつか会う日まで!!

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CHARACTER

登場人物：外海調査団

カージュ＝ケイス

みおの魅力に心奪われ、半ば無理やり航務員たちに同行している異常なコレクター。愛用するろ箱の中に、容積や重量を無視してどんなものでもしまうことのできる能力を持つ。

サラ＝リサティ

みおを世界に連れ出した航務員。みおの育ての親であるレキに恋しているが、望み薄。植物と心を通わせ、力を借りることができる。

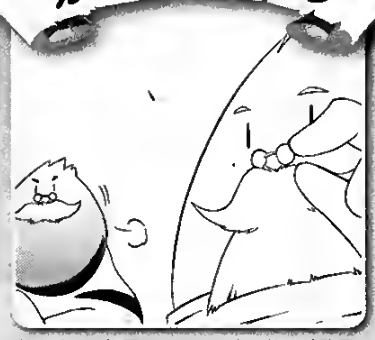
リッカ＝シーエンス

サラに憧れる優秀な航務員見習い。養成学校でのみおの初めての友達。画力に絶対の自信があり、描いた物を実体化させる能力を持つ。

みお＝ルナカンタ

この物語の主人公。世界を見て回るために航務員養成学校に入学した。未だジンタズ能力は発現していないが、抜群の運動能力を誇る。

ガリオレ＝ガリーレ



ドルチェの師匠で、ファスナー族の航務員。航務員随一の操船能力を持つ。また、自分を模したぬいぐるみを通して遠距離通信が可能。

グリフ＝ハング

熱いシチュエーションに燃える漢な航務員。ヤンにライバル意識を燃やしているが、現在全戦全敗。炎を操る能力を持つ。

エイジ＝セプテット

世界中の女の子に出会いたいと航務員見習いになった少年。天候を自在に操ることができ、彼がいる限り船が嵐に見舞われることはない。

ドルチェ＝ハーゲン

髪を傷つけられると人格が変わる、ちょっと危険な航務員見習いの少女。リッカの幼馴染み。髪の毛を自在に操るジンクス能力者。

KEYWORD キーワード

航務員

地表のほとんどが海に覆われた世界で、未開拓地域の調査・探検を行うスペシャリスト。航務員になるには厳しい資格試験に合格することが必要で、プロの航務員として活動している者はわずかしかいない。

ジンクス能力

人の信念が特殊能力として発現したもので、その効力・態様は使用者によって千差万別。ジンクス能力の強さは心の強さに左右され、信念が揺らぐと能力も弱くなる。

約束の地

世界の海は巨大な滝で二分されており、航務員協会側から見て滝の向こう側の海を外海と呼んでいる。そして、外海で散った命は命の灯となり、その全てが約束の地と呼ばれる島に辿り着く。約束の地には世界の創造主を自称する女神が住んでいるが…。

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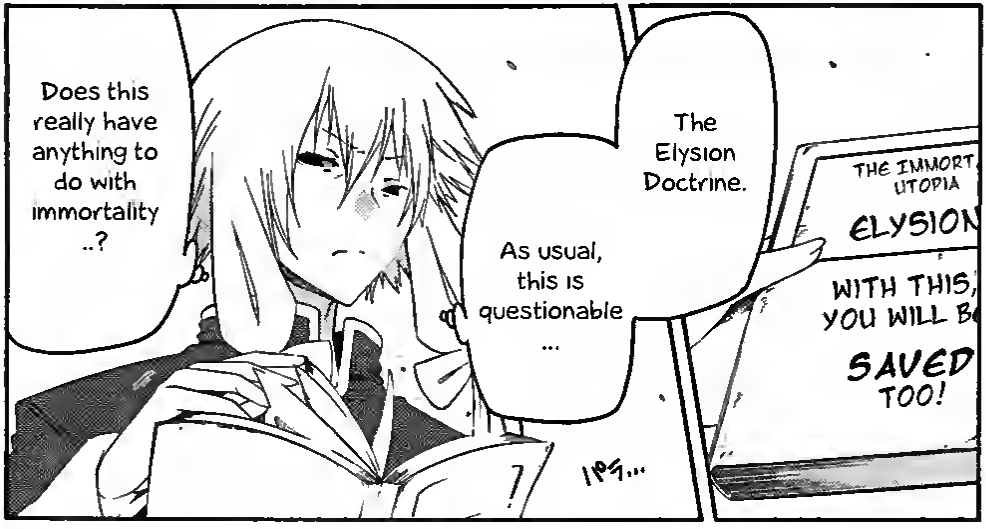
Act 27: He is Content With What He Has

ElysioN


Does this really have anything to do with immortality ..?
The Elysion Doctrine.
As usual, this is questionable ...
THE IMMORT
UTOPIA
ELYSION
WITH THIS,
YOU WILL B
SAVED
TOO!
?
Ips...

HEAD TOWARDS *THAT ISLAND.*
ADVANCE OUR *"SHIP"*.
BELTA.
AS YOU DESIRE, NIR-SAMA.

Not human?
Just what in the world does that mean, Nir?
.....
MIO LUNA-CANTA WAS...
NOTHING IN PARTICU-LAR.
A DOLL.
CREATED COM-PLETELY LIKE A HUMAN BEING.
I won't be able to play around leisurely...
Some-how...

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GUFU
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GU-
FUFU-
FU-
FU-
FU...
もお…

MIO LUNA-CANTA.
YOU ALRIGHT ..?
...This isn't a good situa-tion...
.....
At the next attack ...
Will we be able to break free..?

WHA
..!

A mon-ster ..!!?
WHAT THE HECK IS THAT !!?

!!
MIO-KUN!!
CAGE-KUN!!!

!!
GRAMPS !!!
!!
RUN !!!
CAGE-KUN !!!
TAKE MIO-KUN, HURRY !!!

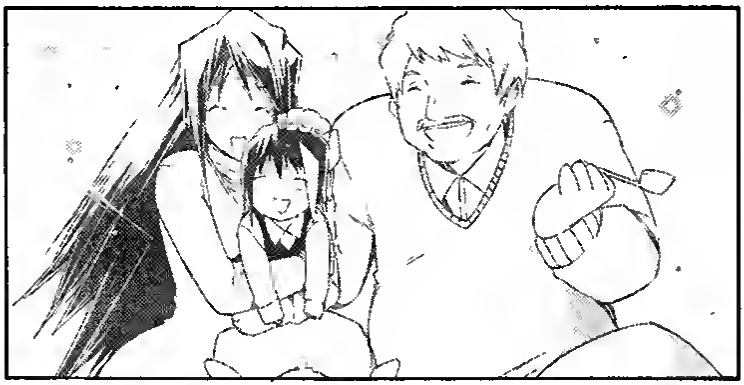
!!
GRAMPS IS..!
NO..! CAGE!!!
GRAAAA MPS ..!!!

IT'S A FACT THAT EVERYONE IS HEADING HERE IN ORDER TO SAVE YOU.
...IT HURTS TO LOSE CONTACT WITH A RESEARCH GROUP MEMBER, BUT...

GRAMPS ...

UNTIL THEY ARRIVE, WE SHOULD HIDE OURSELVE-
ANYWAY,

I'VE HAD ENOUGH.
ENOUGH AL-READY.
EVEN IF IT'S JUST YOU, YOU ESCAPE FIRST..!
ENO UGH,
I DON'T WANT ANYONE ELSE GETTING HURT..!
PLEASE!



YOU KNOW, MY PARENTS ...
!
.....
THEY WERE NICE PEOPLE.

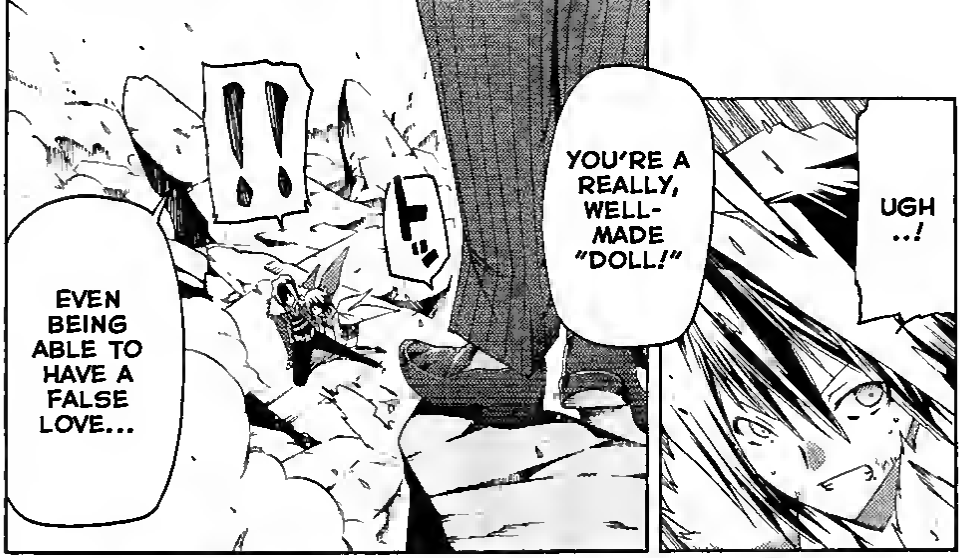
AS LONG AS I HAD MY BOX,
I THOUGHT THAT ALL OF MY IMPORTANT THINGS COULD STAY WITH ME FOREVER.
"I WANT TO BE WITH YOU TWO FOR-EVER!"
THAT WAS MY FIRST IM-PULSE.
AND IN THE END, THEY NEVER MOVED AGAIN.
HATED ME,
AND YET, THE PRECIOUS PEOPLE I PUT INTO THE BOX...
MY DISSATIS-FIED DAYS CONTINUED ON.
NO MATTER WHO I HAD.
NO MATTER WHAT I GOT.

AND THEN I...
FOUND A GIRL WHO COULD NOT ENTER THIS BOX
I MET YOU.
MIO LUNA-CANTA.
DESPITE YOU KNOWING ABOUT THE REAL ME...
"NEXT TIME, LET'S PLAY WITHOUT STUFF LIKE THE BOX OR SLEEPING MEDS!!"
"PROMISE ME! THAT YOU DEFINITELY WON'T HARM EVERYONE!"
"I BELIEVE IN THE BOTH OF YOU!"
"YOU PROM-ISED!!"

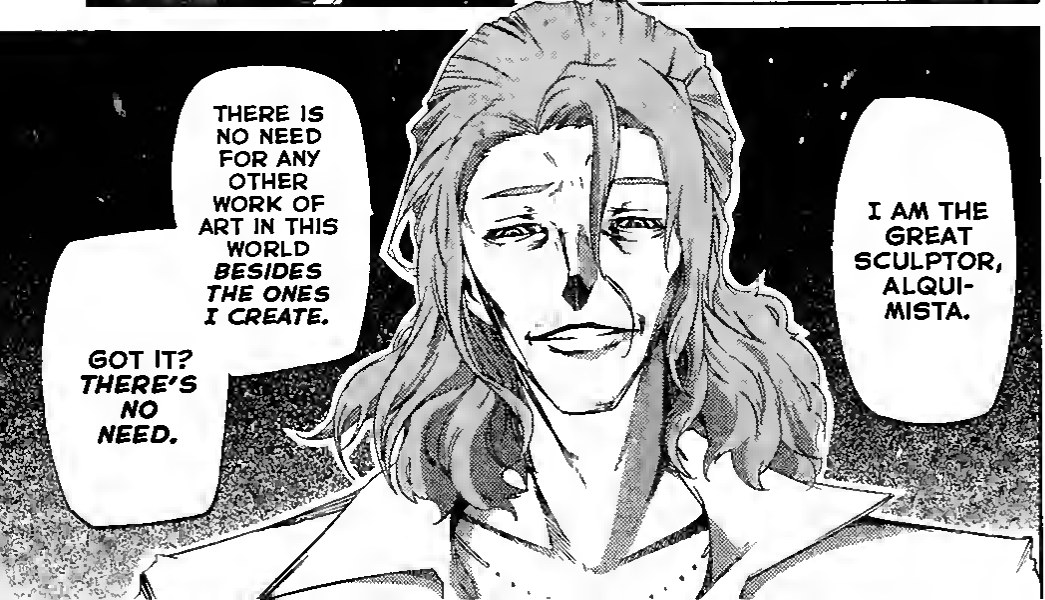
THE BOX DIDN'T SEEM TO MATTER.
WHAT WAS IMPOR-TANT ...
WAS HAVING A HEART THAT THOUGHT ABOUT THOSE PRECIOUS TO ME.
THAT IS WHY I...
WILL PRO-TECT YOU.

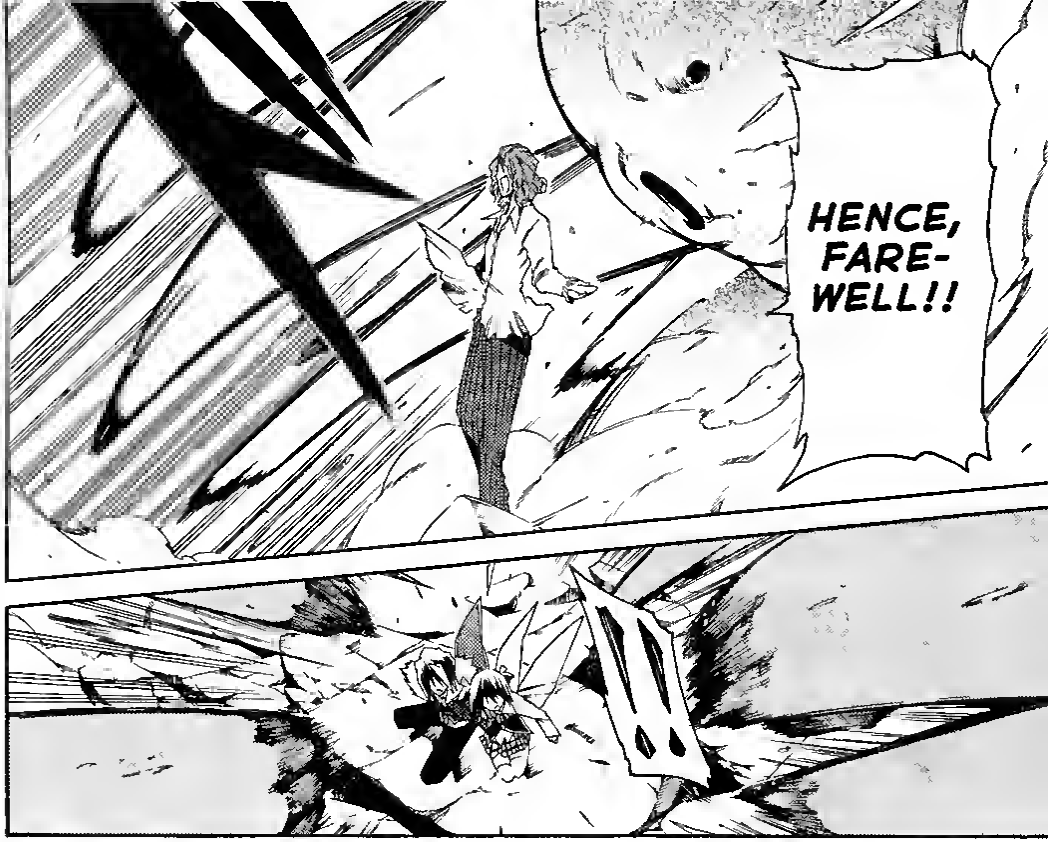
!!!

HIDE-AND-SEEK IS OVER!
INDE-CENT SCENES ARE NO GOOD, YOU KNOW!


UGH ..!
YOU'RE A REALLY, WELL-MADE "DOLL!"
!!
EVEN BEING ABLE TO HAVE A FALSE LOVE...

MIO LUNA-CANTA, YOUR EXISTENCE IS TRULY AN EYESORE.


I AM THE GREAT SCULPTOR, ALQUI-MISTA.
THERE IS NO NEED FOR ANY OTHER WORK OF ART IN THIS WORLD *BESIDES THE ONES I CREATE.*
GOT IT? *THERE'S NO NEED.*

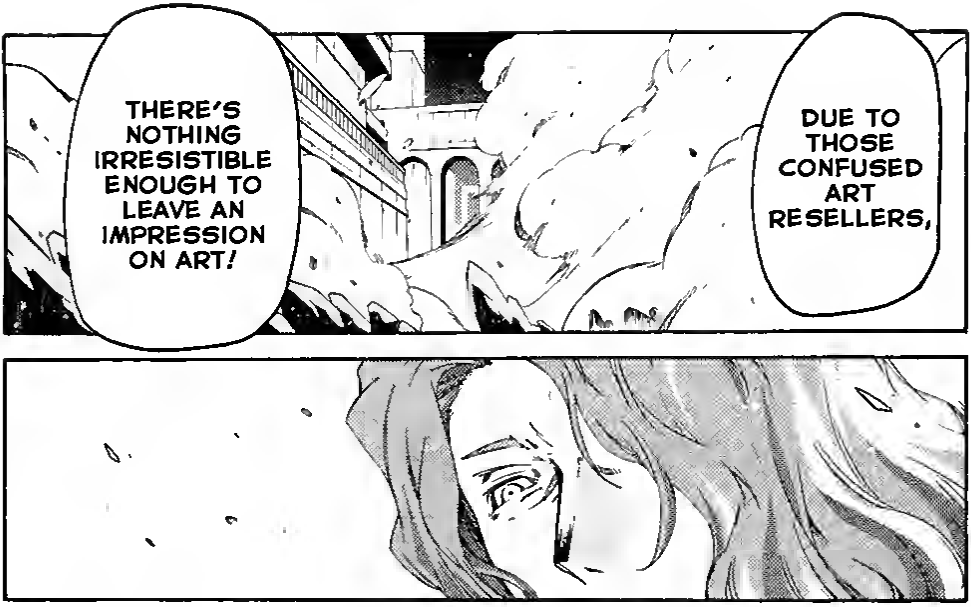

HENCE, FARE-WELL!!

A doll ..?
What's he saying!?
CAGE!
RUN ..!!!

MIO ..!!
……!?
Huh.. !?
I...
Were my legs always this slow..?
MI-

Huh, I...
Was I always this weak..?

A HA HA HA!
NOW DO YOU REALIZE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OUR ARTISTIC MERIT?
"CR-EAT ..."
THIS IS MY BEAUTY. MY BEST MASTERPI ECE.
I CONST-RUCTED IT WITH A LARGE AMOUNT OF LIVE HUMANS AS THE RAW MATERIAL.
CREAT IS THE ULTI-MATE WORK OF ART!!


DUE TO THOSE CONFUSED ART RESELLERS,
THERE'S NOTHING IRRESISTIBLE ENOUGH TO LEAVE AN IMPRESSION ON ART!

IF YOU'LL ALLOW ME TO GIVE YOU SOME ADVICE AS SOMEONE WITH A COLLEC-TOR'S EYE...
IT'S RUB-BISH.
THERE ISN'T EVEN A SPLINTER OF CHARAC-TER.

I'LL MAKE YOU BECOME A PART OF CREAT TOO!
THOSE WHO DON'T UNDER-STAND ART ACT LIKE THIS, HENCE ...

SMALL ARMS ARE USE-LESS!
CREAT IS A MASS OF LIFE FORCE!
YOU SHOULD SLOWLY BECOME FEED!

GOOD THING IT EATS!
BOMBING YOUR-SELF ..!!?
DO YOU ...
INTEND TO DIE ..!?

THE WORKS OF ART OF OTHER PEOPLE ...
YOU SAID YOU DON'T RECOG-NIZE THEM ...
THE GREAT NUMBER OF WORKS OF ART UP UNTIL NOW THAT I'VE GATHERED INTO MY COLLECTION...
THEY'RE ALL SOLELY VALUABLE WORKS FROM FAMOUS ARTISTS!
I'LL GIVE THEM ALL TO YOU!

PLEASE ..!
DES-TROY THEM ALL ..!!!
DESTROY THEM..!
CREAT !!!
ALQUIM ISTA!
THERE ARE COUNTLESS NUMBERS OF ARTISTS SUPERIOR TO YOU.
YOU CAN'T RECOGNIZE THEM BECAUSE YOU REALIZE THAT AND ARE AFRAID OF IT,

AT THE END OF THE DAY,
YOU ARE A FAKE!

CA...
AGE ...
ぐ" ぐ"...
I'M BEGGING YOU, DON'T PUSH YOUR-SELF...
WEARING YOURSELF OUT LIKE THAT...
STOP ...

DESPITE PARTING WITH ALL OF IT...
THE COLLECTION I WANTED SO BADLY...
HOW MYSTERIOUS...
...I'LL THROW THOSE WORDS RIGHT BACK AT YA!
AS LONG AS YOU'RE HERE,
MIO LUNA-CANTA,
I FEEL CONTENT.
INDEED...

YOU NEED TO BE A BIT MORE CONSCIOUS ABOUT THE SURROUND-ING ROOMS, YOO!!
YOU MUST'VE FORGOTTEN THAT I (THE KING OF SECRET ROOMS) WAS HERE, RIGHT?
SUR- PRISEDDD? GUFU - YOU'RE SURPRISED, RIGHTTT?
I DON'T NEED THE CHANGE EITHER, NICE GUY!♪
IT'S PAYBACK FOR BACK THEN!

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CL ERMAC
PR/TS TUBES
KIREI CAKE
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WE ARE ALWAYS
RECRUITING MEMBERS
FOR OUR GROUP. IF YOU
WANT FASTER RELEASES
CONSIDER HELPING OUT.
APPLY AT KIREICAKE.COM!

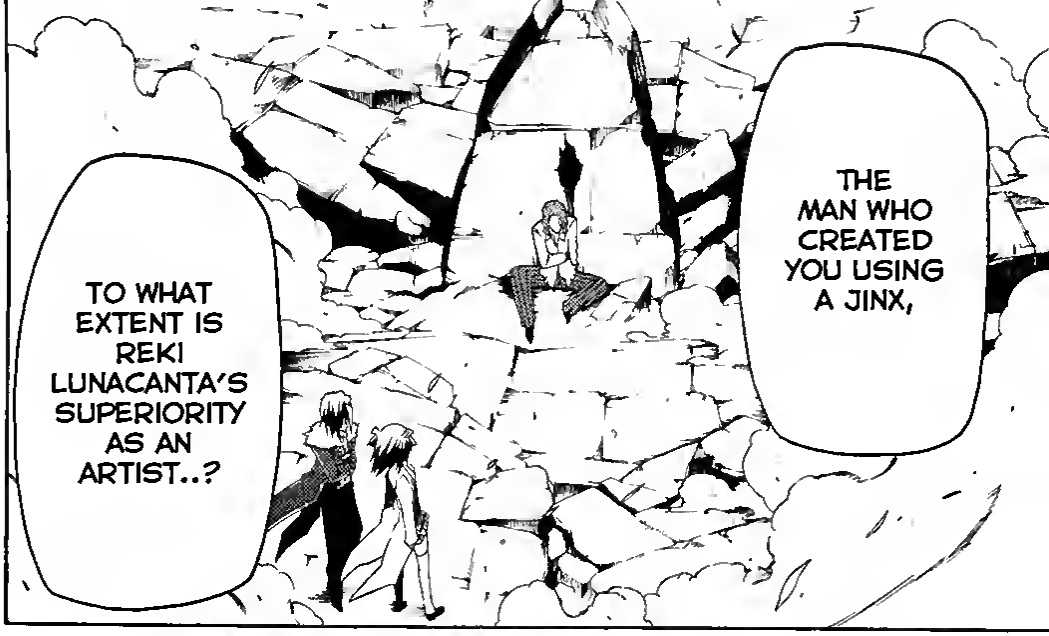
Act 28: Path of Friendship

PEH-
BA...
What is with this person ...
Up until now, she was completel-

OCH-
COFU-
COBO-
I'm...
I'm gonna be killed..!

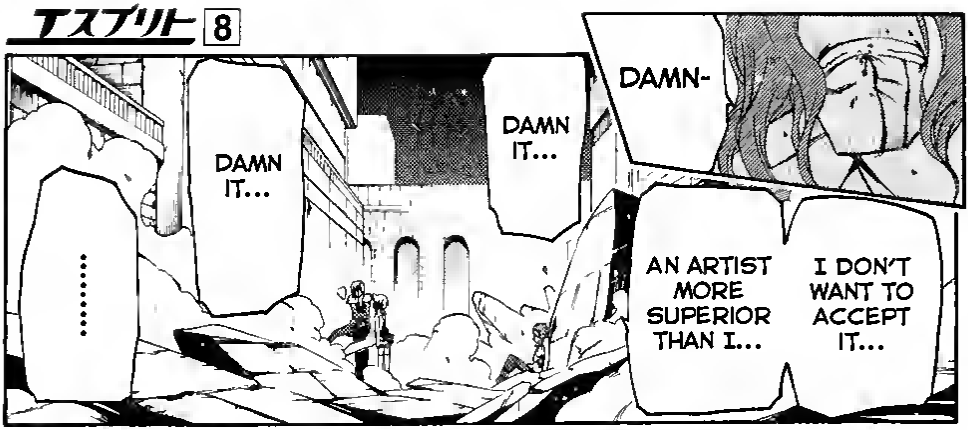
YOU MUSTN'T KILL.
UH...
UH...
I'M FINE.
THE WOUNDS AREN'T AS BAD AS THEY LOOK.
RE..A LLY..?
THAT'S GREAT ...
CAGE ...

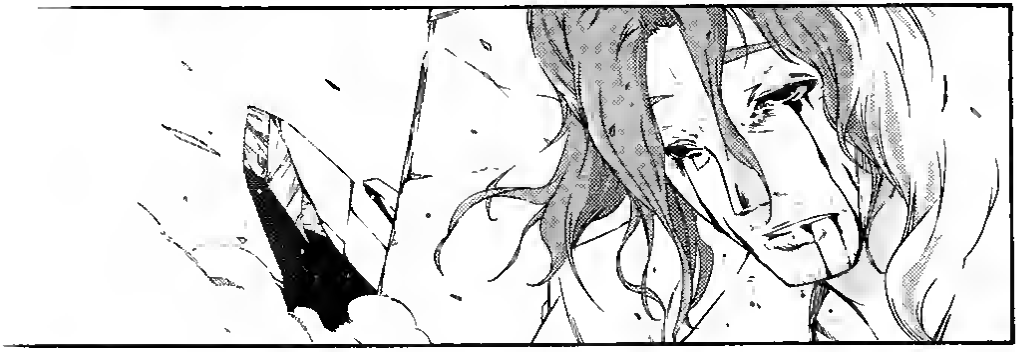
HYAAA!!
HA-
HYAA-
HIG-
...HAH-
TRULY A WELL-MADE *DOLL.*
SO EVEN YOUR CAPABILITIES *FLUCTUATE*
DEPENDING ON YOUR EMOTIONS, HUH..?
DAMN ...
JUST WHAT HAPPENED WITH THIS LIFE DEVOTED TO ART...
SAY, MIO LUNA-CANTA.
TELL ME...


THE MAN WHO CREATED YOU USING A JINX,
TO WHAT EXTENT IS REKI LUNACANTA'S SUPERIORITY AS AN ARTIST..?

CREATE-
HUH?

WHAT ...
YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT YOU WERE?
YOU ARE NOT HUMAN.
A DOLL
THAT A MAN NAMED REKI GAVE BIRTH TO USING A JINX.


DAMN-
I DON'T WANT TO ACCEPT IT...
AN ARTIST MORE SUPERIOR THAN I...
DAMN IT...
DAMN IT...
.....



HEEK-
HA-
IT HURTS ...
SO BIGGG...
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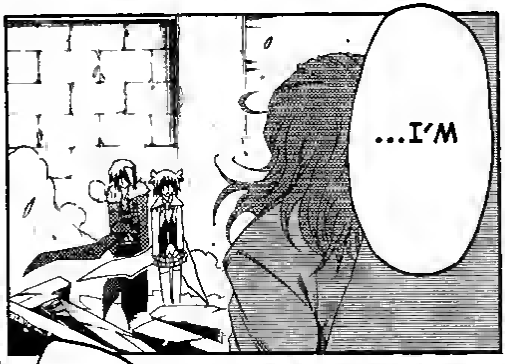
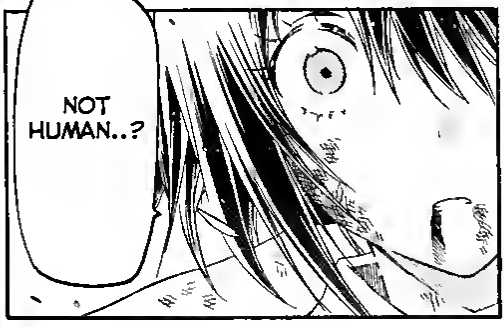
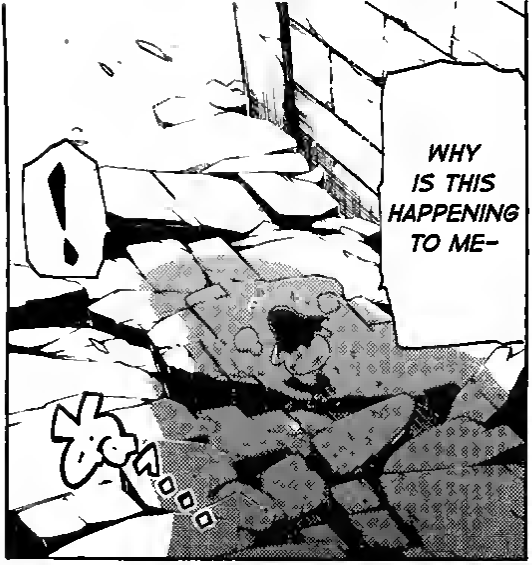
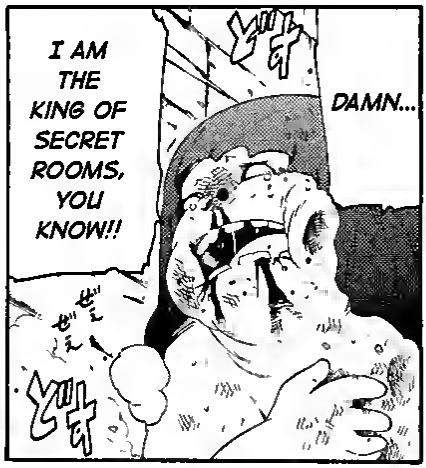
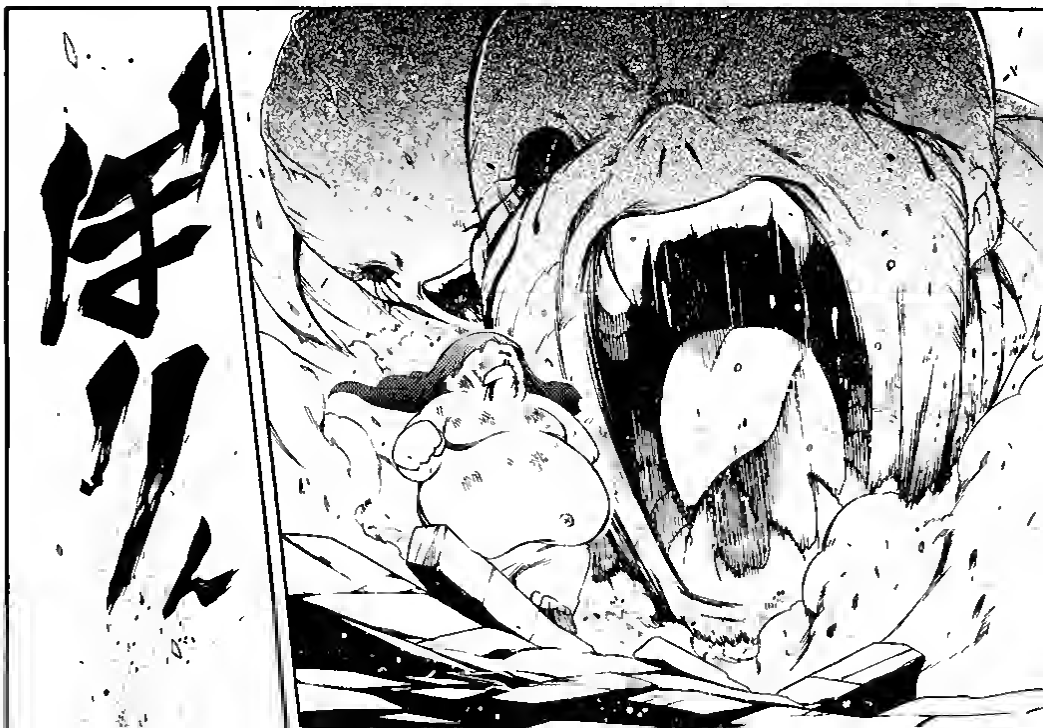

...I'M


NOT HUMAN..?


!
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING TO ME-


I AM THE KING OF SECRET ROOMS, YOU KNOW!!
DAMN...

HUH...?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ギギ
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あああ

WENT BERSERK AFTER LOSING ITS HOST (ALQUIMISTA), HUH..?
CREAT...

Will we be able to hold on..?
This isn't good.
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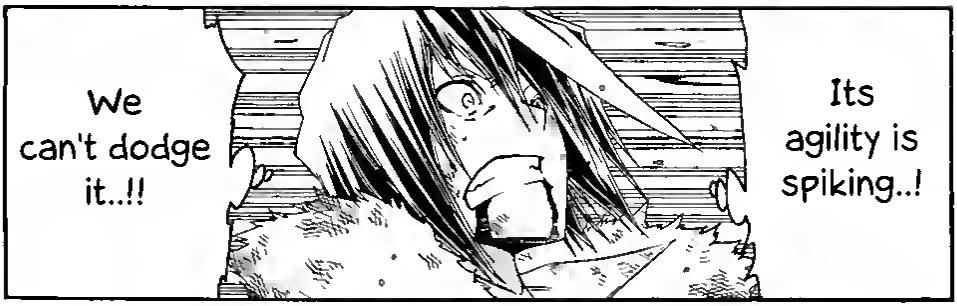
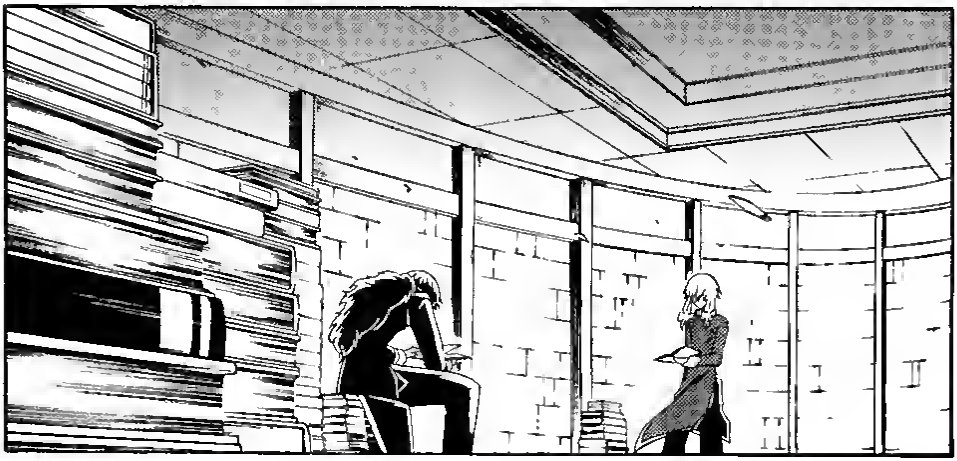
……
ピチ…


We can't dodge it..!!
Its agility is spiking..!



A Home where you can obtain immortal-ity,
the "Promised Land".
I now realize a key is required to reach it...
So that's...
it..!
But, this is-
What..?
The Elysium Goddess
It seems like...
will be of use to me...
SEEMS LIKE THERE'S A VISITOR.

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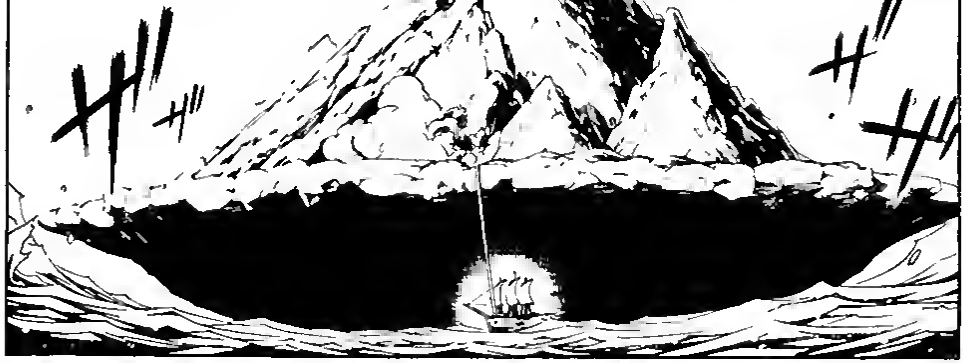
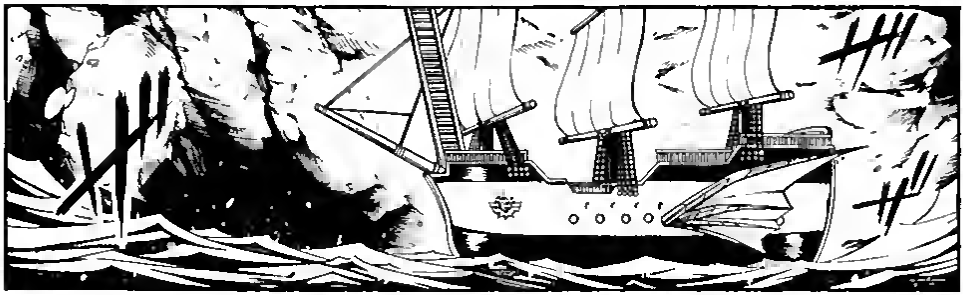
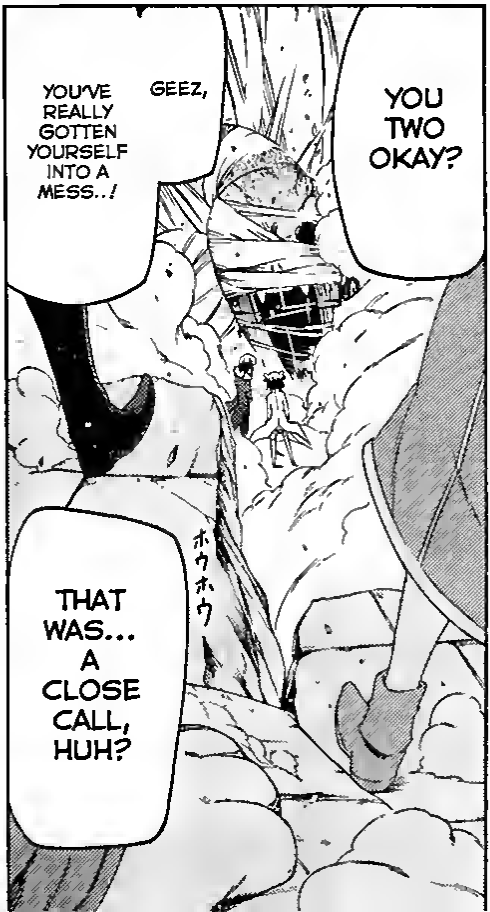
MORNING GLORIES AND…
HAIR..?





WE'VE FINALLY...

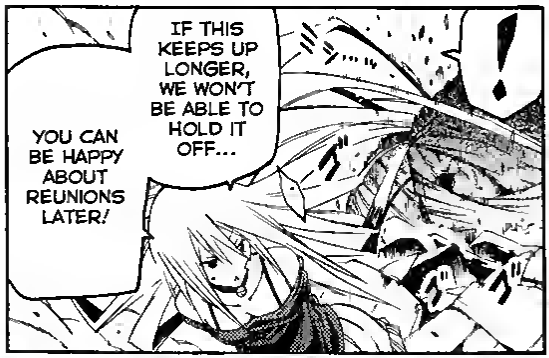
CAUGHT UP!

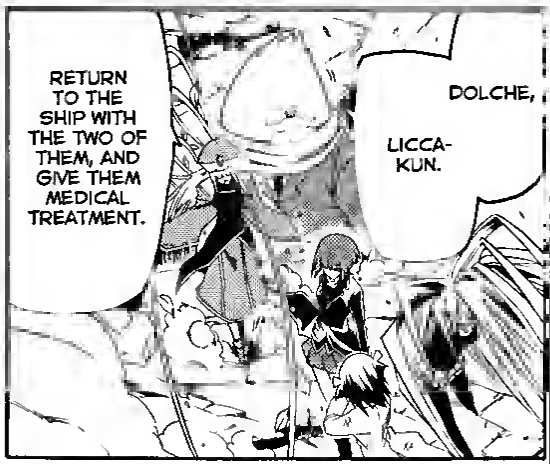

YOU TWO OKAY?
GEEZ, YOU'VE REALLY GOTTEN YOURSELF INTO A MESS..!
ホウホウ
THAT WAS... A CLOSE CALL, HUH?

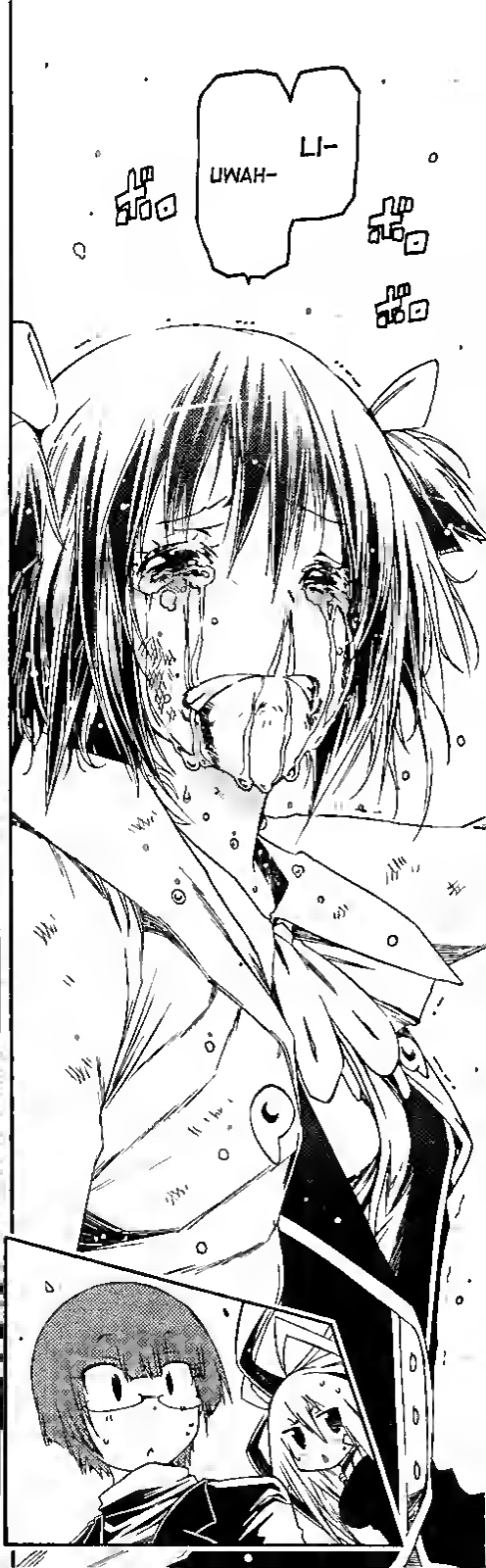
WE CAME TO SAVE YOU!
MIO,
In spite of believing that...

I thought I would no longer be able to meet them

OH GEEZ...
LIGGA...
YOU REALLY ARE A KID, AREN'T 'CHA...
LIG- GAAAA...
BUT, LICCA...
UWAAAH...


IF THIS KEEPS UP LONGER, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO HOLD IT OFF...
YOU CAN BE HAPPY ABOUT REUNIONS LATER!


RETURN TO THE SHIP WITH THE TWO OF THEM, AND GIVE THEM MEDICAL TREATMENT.
DOLCHE,
LICCA-KUN.


LI-
UWAH-

WE'LL TAKE OVER FROM HERE.

HH!!!

...THAT PERSON IS
POWERFUL.

H... HEY...
ACTUALLY, I THINK IT'D BE BEST IF WE FOUGHT TOGETHE-
THE WOUNDED SHOULD STAY QUIET.
THEY'LL BE OKAY.

GO ON AHEAD.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, CAGE!?
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE HURT...
YOU NEED TO HURRY AND GET TREAT-MENT!!
I STILL HAVE... A FEW THINGS LEFT TO DO.
I'LL CATCH UP WITH YOU GUYS SOON.
THAT'S WHY I'LL STAY TOO!
I'M NOT LEAVING WITHOUT YOU!!

!!
FINE, I'LL ACCOMPANY HIM FOR YA!
.....
THAT'LL BE FINE, YEAH!?
DO-
DOL-HAA-CHAN...
AH GEEZ ...
HURRY AND GO!
DIDN'T I TELL YER TO RELY ON YER FRIENDS!!?
O...
OKAY...
DEFI-NITELY...
HURRY AND CATCH UP WITH US, 'KAY..!!

YOU'VE ...
CHANGED.
PER-HAPS.
AND?
WHAT'RE THESE THINGS?
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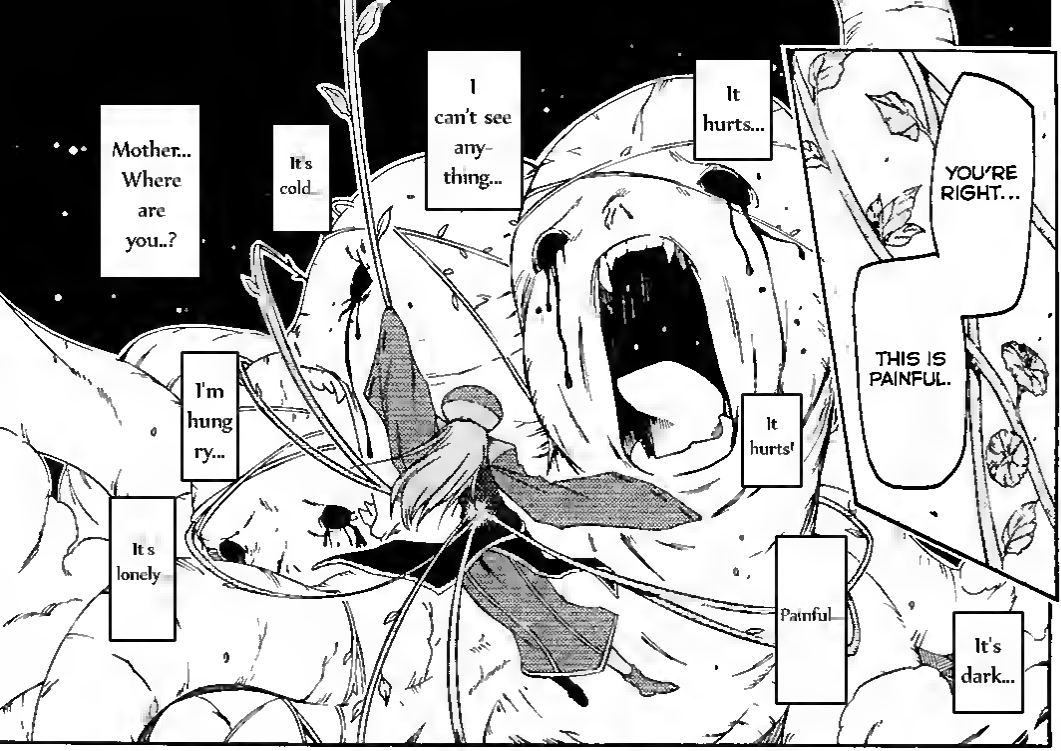
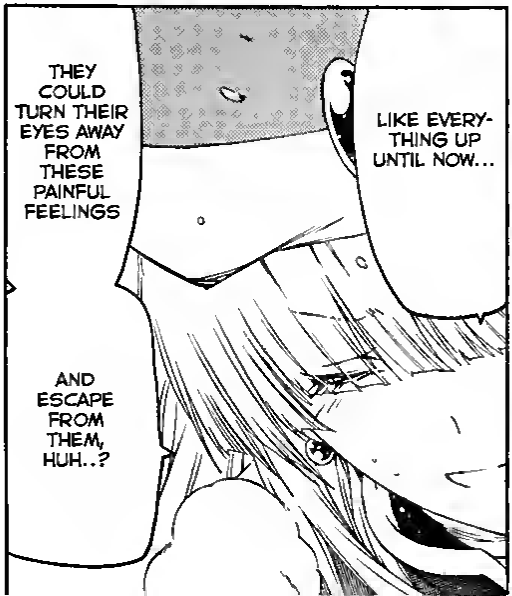
キキ...
PIECES OF CREAT THAT I BLEW OFF IN THE FIGHT EARLIER.
IF EACH FRAGMENT WERE TO REGENERATE ON THEIR OWN..
IT WOULD MEAN SIGNIFICANT VITALITY.

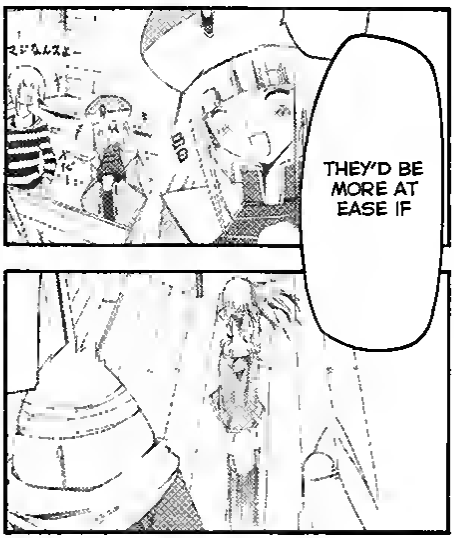
SO THAT MEANS,
THEY NEED TO BE CRUSHED SO SMALL THAT THEY CAN'T REGENERATE FURTHER!?
EHH,
ARE YOU GOING TO FIGHT TOGETHER WITH ME?
HOW COULD YOU LEAVE IT ALL TO A GUY WHO'S HURT?
YOU'VE CHANGED TOO,
.....
DOLCHE HAAGEN.
I WOULDN'T KNOW SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
.....
JUST, WELL...
OUR STUPID FRIENDS ARE ALSO CALMLY TAKING ON THE HARDSHIPS OF ONE ANOTHER...

SARA-KUN!
YOU ESCAPE TOO WHILE I STALL IT FOR A WHILE!
.....
THERE'S NO NEED TO FORCE YOUR-SELF TO FIGHT AGAINST ENEMIES THAT ARE TOO PAINFUL FOR YOU...


Mother... Where are you..?
It's cold
I can't see anything...
It hurts...
I'm hungry...
It hurts!
It's lonely
Painful
It's dark...
YOU'RE RIGHT...
THIS IS PAINFUL.

THROUGH THE PLANTS, THE FEELINGS OF *THESE CHILDREN!*
THEY'RE POURING IN!


THEY COULD TURN THEIR EYES AWAY FROM THESE PAINFUL FEELINGS
AND ESCAPE FROM THEM, HUH..?
LIKE EVERYTHING UP UNTIL NOW...


THEY'D BE MORE AT EASE IF

We mustn't flee!
Let's fight!
ALWAYS BEING TAUGHT BY MY PUPILS.
AREN'T I A BAD SENPAI..?
TRULY...
ON MY STRATEGY..?
WOULD YOU HEAR ME OUT
GALIOLE-SAN...
WE WON'T KNOW UNTIL WE'VE TRIED!
WHATEVER THE CIRCUM-STANCES MAY BE, THAT'S BEING RASH...!
SARA-KUN...

ASAGAO NO HANA HITO-TOKI!!!
Jinx: The Peak of One's Life is Short-Lived
THIS IS
MY OWN WAY OF FIGHTING.
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GALIOLE-SAN!!
NOW!!!

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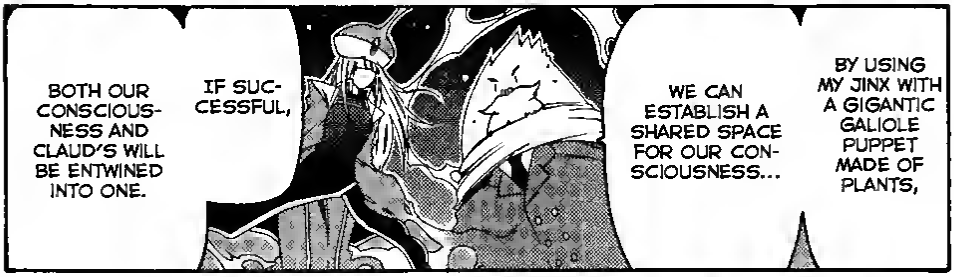
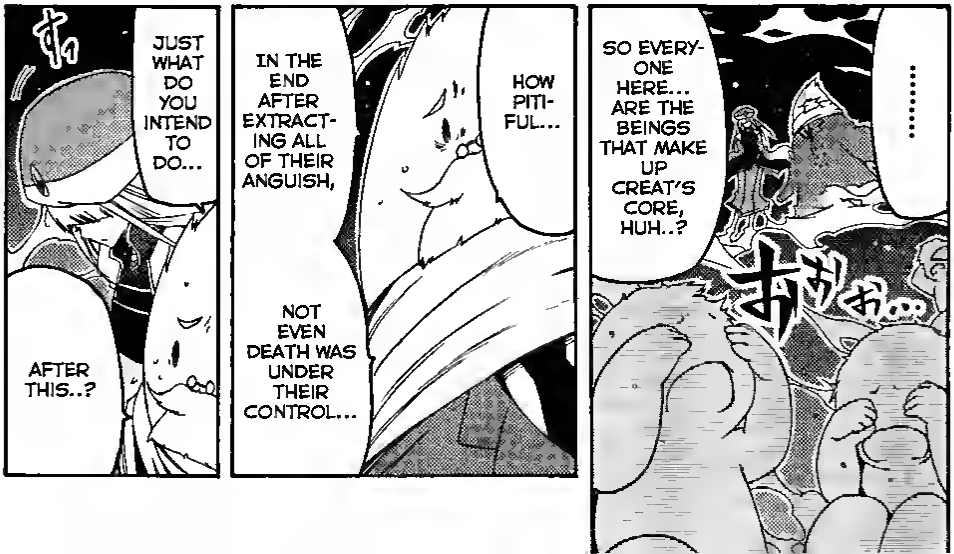
ISHIN DENSHIN!!!
Jinx Telepathy


BY USING MY JINX WITH A GIGANTIC GALIOLE PUPPET MADE OF PLANTS,
WE CAN ESTABLISH A SHARED SPACE FOR OUR CONSCIOUSNESS...
IF SUCCESSFUL,
BOTH OUR CONSCIOUSNESS AND CLAUD'S WILL BE ENTWINED INTO ONE.


.....
SO EVERYONE HERE... ARE THE BEINGS THAT MAKE UP CREAT'S CORE, HUH..?
HOW PITIFUL...
IN THE END AFTER EXTRACTING ALL OF THEIR ANGUISH,
NOT EVEN DEATH WAS UNDER THEIR CONTROL...
JUST WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO...
AFTER THIS..?

!!
I WILL
BECOME YOUR VESSEL!
WELCOME!
WALK THIS LIFE OF MINE TOGETHER!
FROM NOW ON, WE SHALL
あぅ…
WHA..!!?
YES.
IT WOULDN'T BE SURPRISING IF YOUR SOUL WERE TO COLLAPSE!!
ARE YOU PLANNING TO BEAR THE CONSCIOUS-NESS OF THIS MANY PEOPLE INSIDE YOUR SINGLE BODY!?

COME!
How..!
.....

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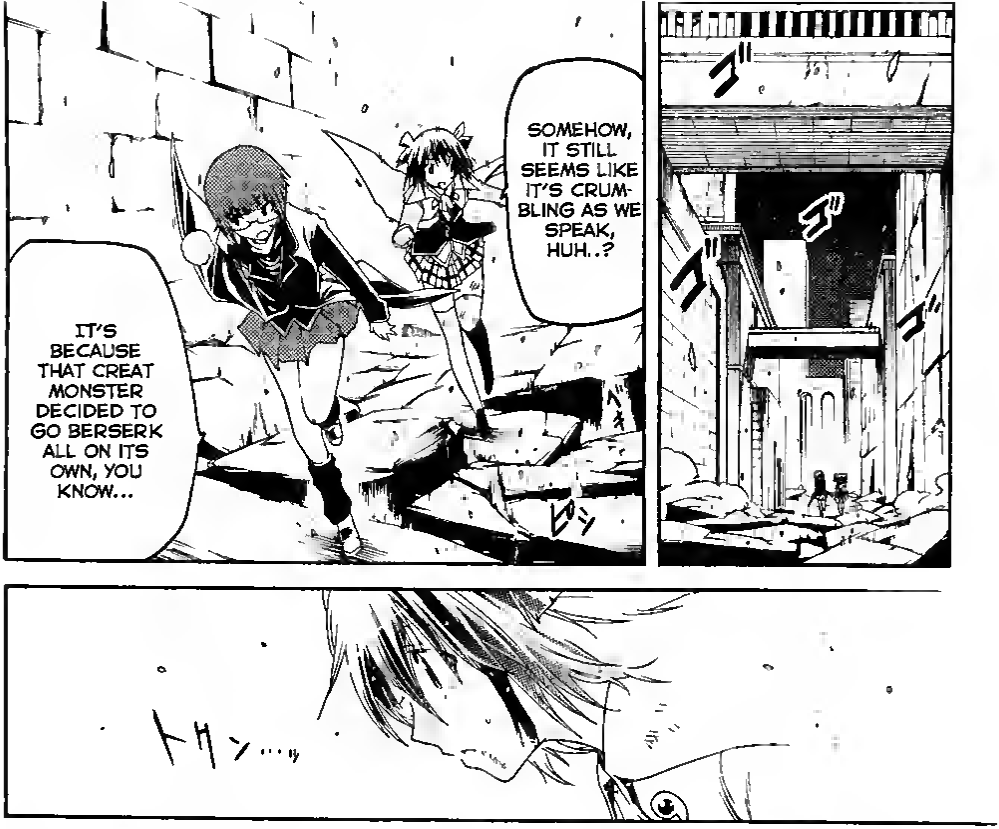
She really ...
took them all in...
The tolerance of a "Holy Mother"...
This is...
So this is the essence
of a Jinx user's "symbiosis"...!!


SOMEHOW, IT STILL SEEMS LIKE IT'S CRUMBLING AS WE SPEAK, HUH..?
IT'S BECAUSE THAT CREAT MONSTER DECIDED TO GO BERSERK ALL ON ITS OWN, YOU KNOW...
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トクン…

YOU KNOW-
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!
SOME-THING...
JUST NOW,
HEY, YOU..!
DESPITE ALL THIS TALK OF CRUMBLING, THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO STOP...

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LICCA!!
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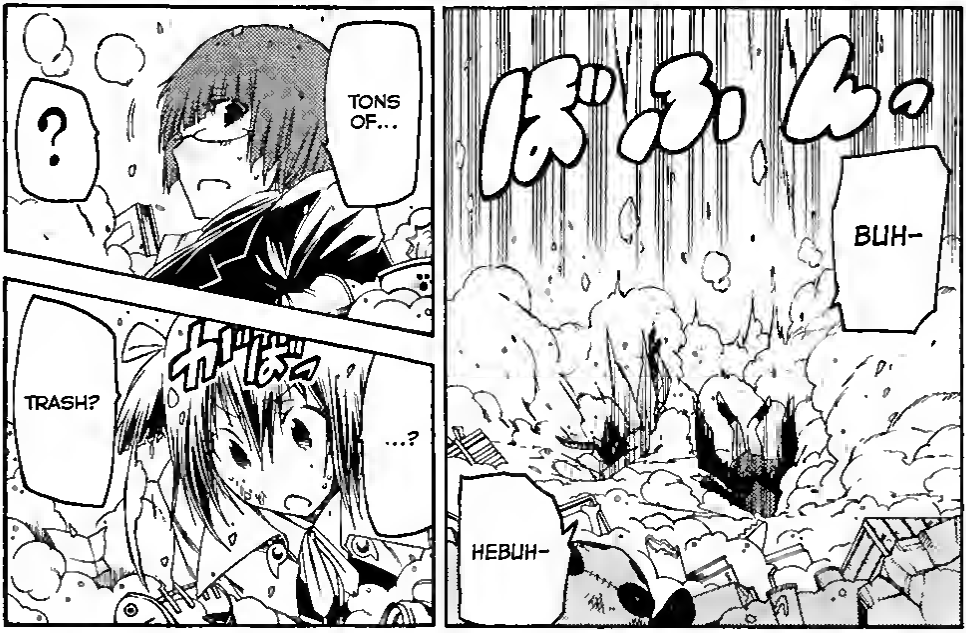
WAAHHH-


TONS OF...
?
TRASH?
...?
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BUH-
HEBUH-

LICCA!
I'M GLAD YOU'RE OKAY-
LOOKS LIKE A DUMP...
MORE OR LESS...

WE AREN'T ...
OKAY, HUH..?
WHAT?
?

LICCA'S ARM
AND CAGE'S INJURIES TOO...
EVERYTHING IS ALL MY FAULT...

I...
AM GLAD I MET LICCA...
SORRY...
I WAS BEING HAPPY FOR SOME REASON...

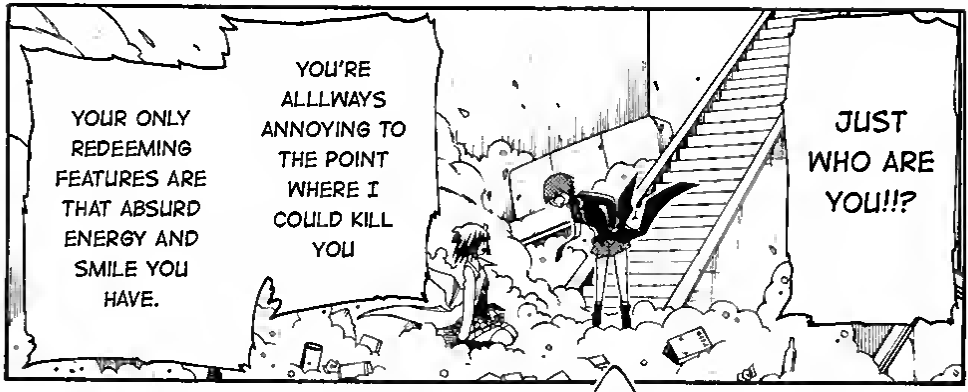
YOU KNOW, I...
HEARD I'M NOT HUMAN...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...
IN SPITE OF TAKING AWAY LICCA'S DREAMS...
I SHOULDN'T HAVE FELT "HAPPY"...
YEAH, BESIDES...
.....
HUH?
I WAS... CREATED BY REKI'S JINX.
A... DOLL...
THAT'S WHY, LICCA...
I WON'T ALLOW ANY-BODY TO BE HURT ON MY ACCOUNT...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME ANYMORE...

GEH-
LI-
OW-
AND CHILL OUT WITH YER CONCEITED-NESS TOO!
IDIOT!!!
ALL I'VE BEEN HEARING SINCE JUST NOW HAS BEEN "IT'S ALL MY FAULT, IT'S ALL MY FAULT"...

T/N: Liccа is suddenly speaking with dialects to express her anger towards Milo.

...GOOD GRIEF.
I accidentally revealed myself-
OH, ENOUGH ANY-WAYS!
DON'T BE MISTAKEN!
NOBODY
THINKS IT'S YOUR FAULT THAT THEY GOT HURT.
EVERYONE LIKES YOU
AND WE WANT YOU TO LAUGH,
SO ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS LIVE FREELY TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY.
You should be smiling.
.....
...ALSO!
DON'T DO ANYTHING STUPID!
MY DREAMS AREN'T CHEAP...

WHO CARES IF I HAVE ONE ARM!
TO THE POINT WHERE THEY COULD BE TAKEN AWAY EASILY LIKE YOURS!
IT DOESN'T MATTER...
EVEN IF YOU AREN'T HUMAN,
SO WHAT!!


YOUR ONLY REDEEMING FEATURES ARE THAT ABSURD ENERGY AND SMILE YOU HAVE.
YOU'RE ALLLWAYS ANNOYING TO THE POINT WHERE I COULD KILL YOU
JUST WHO ARE YOU!!?

YOU'RE MIO LUNACANTA, AREN'T YOU!?
YOU'RE MY BELOVED FRIEND!

...I...
...Yeah.
even if I laugh..?
Is it okay...
...y-
.....ッ
ISN'T THAT ENOUGH AS IT IS!?

YEAH...!
!!
WHAT..?
...?

DON'T APPROACH IT CARELESSLY!
IT MIGHT BE AN ENEMY'S TRAP..!
What is it...
.....
This feeling, from earlier...
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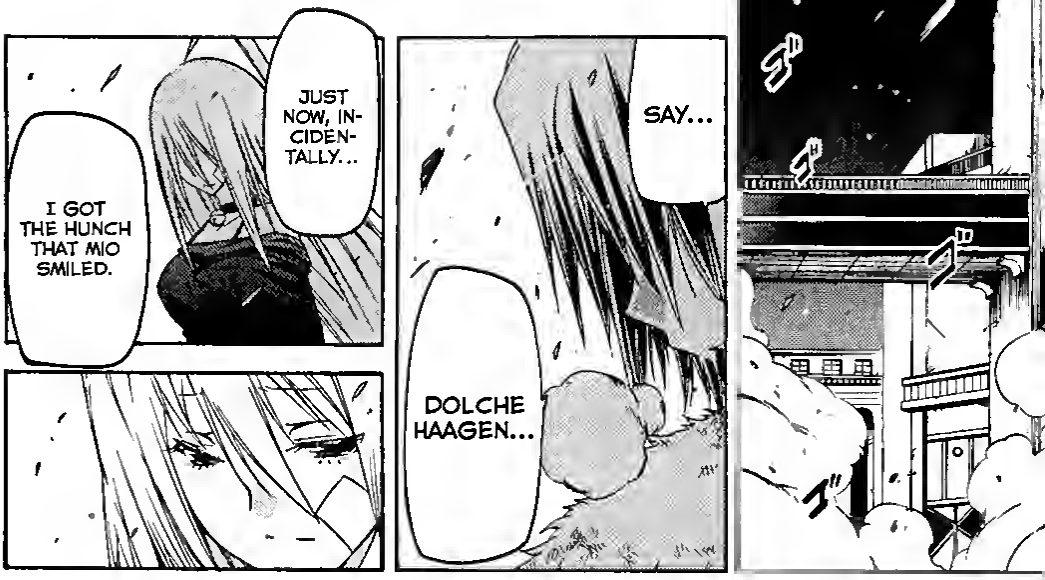
It somehow
MIO!
feels nostalgic...


JUST NOW, INCIDENTALLY...
I GOT THE HUNCH THAT MIO SMILED.
SAY...
DOLCHE HAAGEN...
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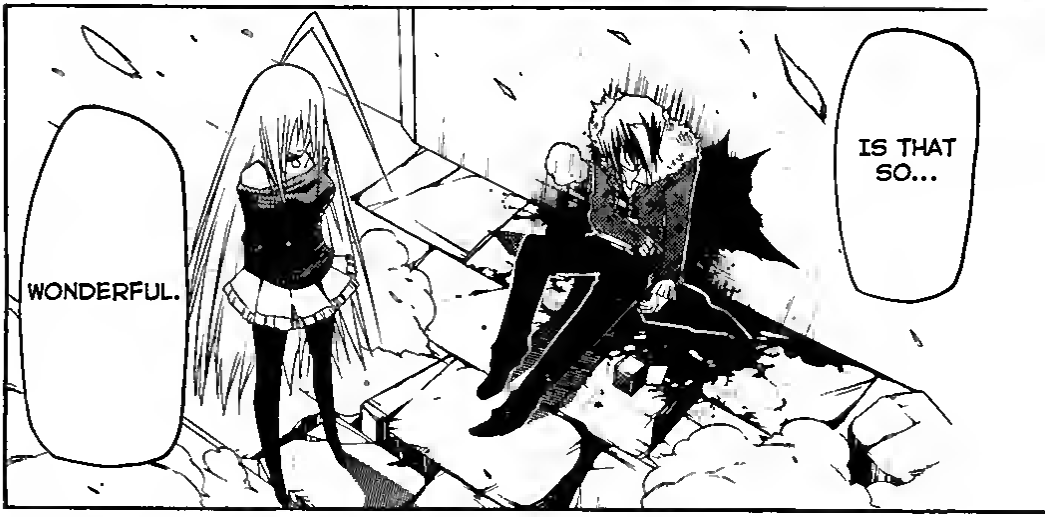
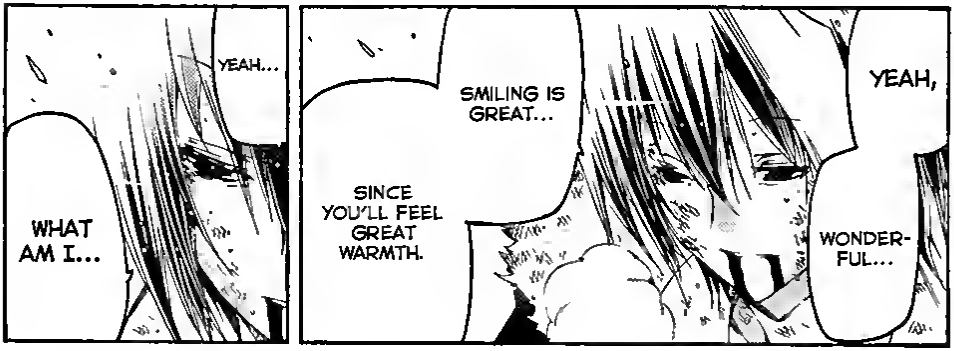
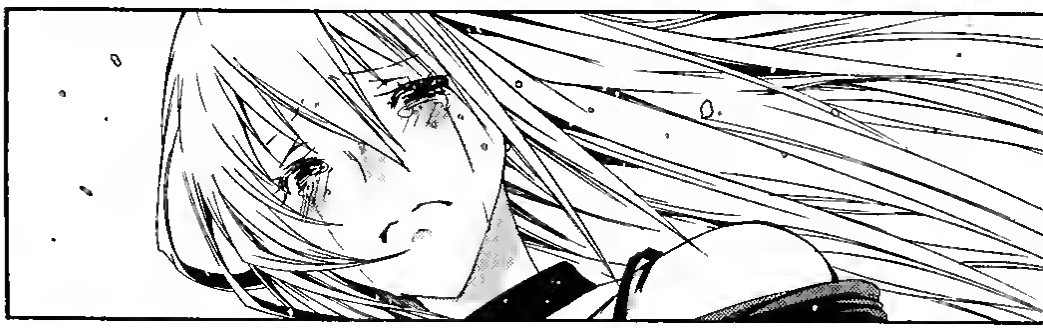

WONDERFUL.
IS THAT SO...


YEAH...
WHAT AM I...
SMILING IS GREAT...
SINCE YOU'LL FEEL GREAT WARMTH.
YEAH,
WONDERFUL...

I've been satisfied, haven't I?
Since the beginning...
DID I MISUNDER-STAND, I WONDER..?
SINCE WHEN...
I'M SORRY...
I DON'T EXPECT TO BE FOR-GIVEN, BUT...
I'M SO SORRY...
FATHER,
MOTHER...

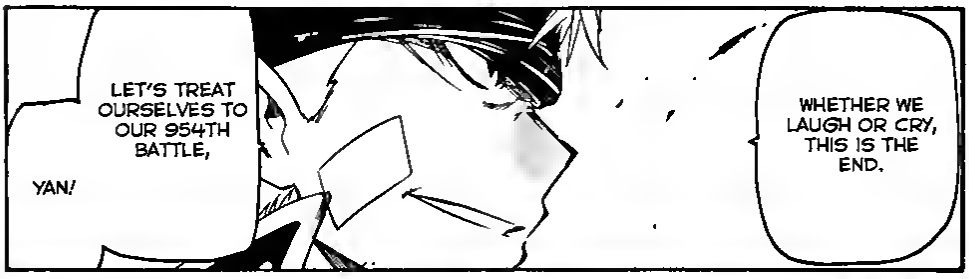
YOU'RE FORGIVEN.
THAT'S RIGHT, SO...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT AND REST.

YOU HUNGRY?
HM?
WHAT'S UP, CAGE?
I'M STARVING!!!
?
...YEAH,
And you too Cage, it isn't dinner yet, so control yourself!
Geez... You...
The imported goods I got my hands on recently
Your Mother— Eh?
Is that so! Is that so!
Where did they go, I wonder?
...DON'T MISUN-DERSTAND ME...



IS THE ONE THING THAT ISN'T ALLOWED...
DUMMY...
CRYING IN MIO'S STEAD...

I SEE...
THE HOME ITSELF IS BECOMING A SINGLE LARGE SHIP, HUH..?
I THOUGHT I'D STEP IN,
TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME AND GIVE YOU A GOOD BEATING!
FUFU...
WELL... JUST THIS ONCE,
I THANK YOU FOR YOUR OBSTINACY!


WHETHER WE LAUGH OR CRY, THIS IS THE END.
LET'S TREAT OURSELVES TO OUR 954TH BATTLE, YAN!

I APOLOGIZE, BUT GRIFF,
I'LL BE TAKING THE HONOUR OF KILLING YOU USING MY FULL POWER.

名前　ベルタ＝マリアルド
誕生日　3月5日
血液型　A型
出身地　ラプンツェル（消失）
苦手な物　ゴキブリ

ジンクス能力『閉月羞花』

ラプンツェルの国王は自分の娘のあまりの美しさに目が眩み、それ以外への一切の執着を無くした。后を遠ざけ、政治への関心も無くし、国の全てを娘のために費やした。これにより国民の信用を無くし、国王の権力が失墜したことは言うまでもない。ベルタは、国の権力すら失わせる自らの美しさを理解し、自分の素顔を見た者のジンクス能力や腕力を消失させる能力を手にした。自分の美しさに根ざす能力であるため、顔を見ていない者の力を消すことはできない。

自らの全てをニルの為に捧ぐ

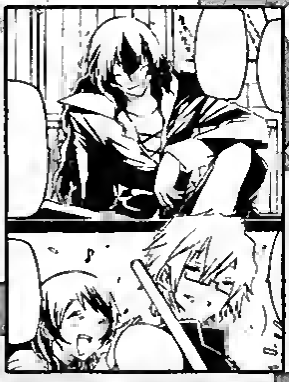
ニルヴァーナがラプンツェルを訪れたのは本当にただの偶然であった。だが、その出会いは、ベルタにとっては必然だった。この世に生まれ、ただそこに居続けることしかできなかったベルタに初めて生まれた生きる意味。それがニルヴァーナだった。人魚をも圧倒する彼女の戦闘能力は、ニルのためにと、この頃から身につけたものである。彼女の愛は“応える愛”。ニルヴァーナの望みや期待に応えるため、彼女はあらゆるものを捧げる覚悟を持っている。

Character Profile.10 Belta＝Mariardo

名前　ニルヴァーナ
誕生日　４月５日
血液型　Ｂ型
出身地　？？？
苦手な物　りお＝ルナカンタ

ジンクス能力『天地神明』

幼少の頃から圧倒的な力と明晰な頭脳を持っていたニルヴァーナは、自らを現在の次元を超越した高次元の存在であると規定した。高次元である自分の存在に対して、低次元の存在である他の者の攻撃は阻まれる（次元の壁）。また、二次元の存在には三次元の“高さ”という概念が理解できないのと同様、高次元であるニルの攻撃は、低次元の存在には認識することも視認することもできない。ニルが自分に近い力を持つと感じるレキは、ニルに対して攻撃や防御を行うことが可能。



ルナカンタ号船上での関係性

自らを高次元の存在であると規定するに至るほど、他を超越したニルヴァーナ。実際、彼の人生の中で彼を理解する者はなく、人と出会う度、己と他者との間に、次元の境界を感じざるを得なかった。だが、ルナカンタ号船上において、レキやりおは彼を一人の人間として理解し、また、ニルもレキの強さを認めていたような節が見られる。自らの野望のためにルナカンタ号に乗っていたニルだが、あの嵐に出会わければ…。それを知ることはもはや叶わない。

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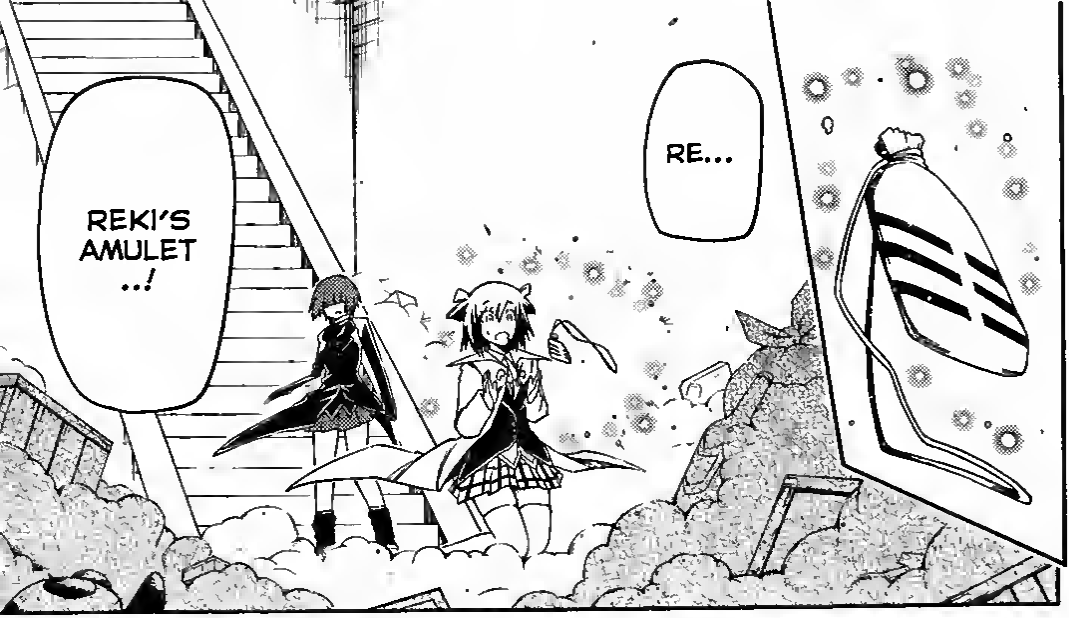
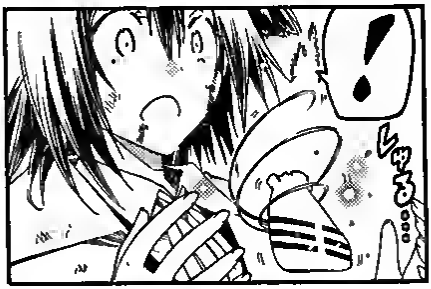
TLC NITORI
CL ERMAC
PR HITTER
TS DOOD
KIREI
CAKE
#CAKE @ IRC.IRCHIGHWAY.NET
WE ARE ALWAYS
RECRUITING MEMBERS
FOR OUR GROUP. IF YOU
WANT FASTER RELEASES
CONSIDER HELPING OUT.
APPLY AT KIREICAKE.COM!


REKI'S AMULET ..!
RE...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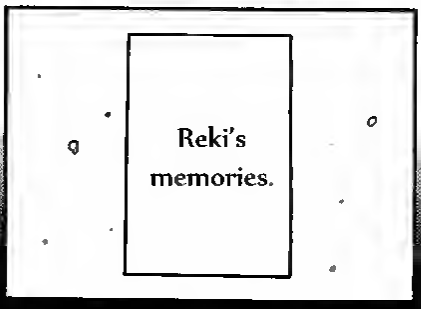
I see...
Yan-sensei tossed it away as trash after that here..!

A FLAME OF LIFE ..?



Act 29: A Dragonfly Lives for Only a Moment

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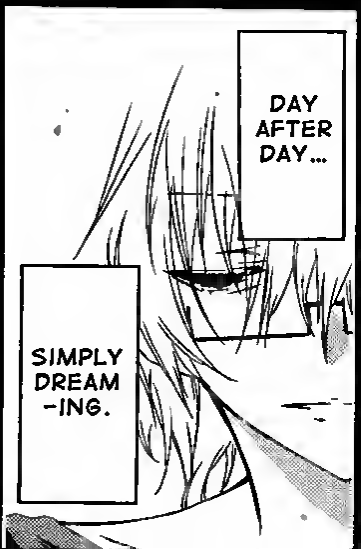
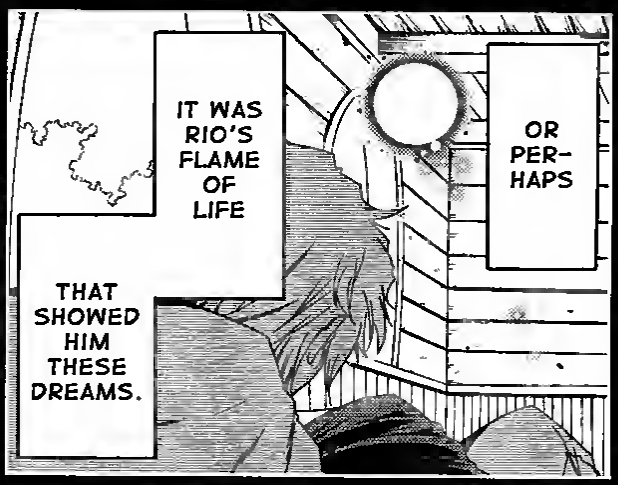
RIO'S …
FLAME OF LIFE…
WILL YOU STAY BY MY SIDE?
AFTER THE DAY REKI, LOTTE, AND NIRVANA WENT TO MAG MELL.
SEVERAL DECADES LATER…

REKI LUNA-CANTA
CON-TINUED TO DREAM ABOUT
Letter

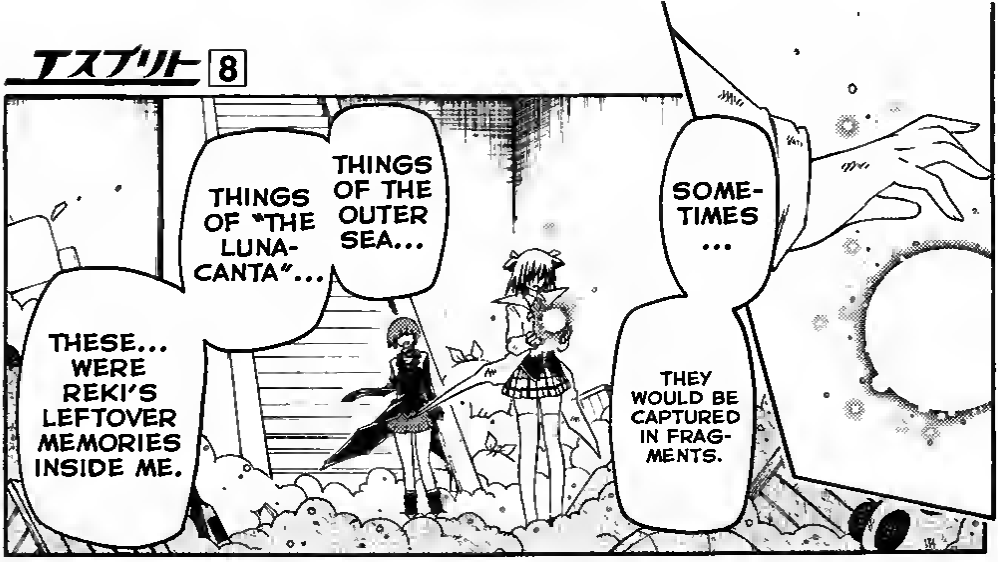
A DREAM WHERE THEY MAY ONE DAY BE REWARDED WITH A CHILD.
HIS BELOVED PERSON.


DAY AFTER DAY...
SIMPLY DREAM-ING.

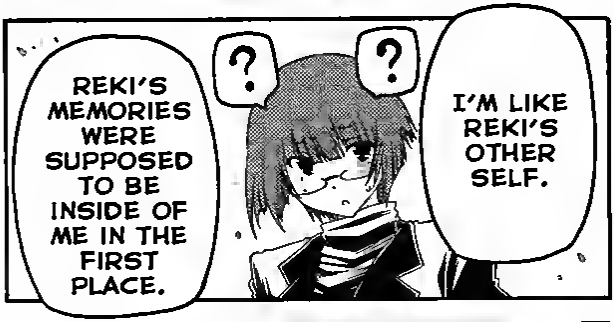

IT WAS RIO'S FLAME OF LIFE
THAT SHOWED HIM THESE DREAMS.
OR PER-HAPS

REKI, DID YOU KNOW? THE WAVES CAUSED BY A BOAT TRAVELING
ARE CALLED "WAKES!"
THEREFORE,
LET'S ADD THE MEANING OF THE "WAKES" YOU AND I LIVED IN...
MIO!
だっ
MIO LUNA-CANTA.
HOW ABOUT IT?
REKI GRADUALLY,
BECAME UNABLE TO SEE THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN DREAMS AND REALITY.
DAYS LIKE THOSE PASSED BY FOR MANY YEARS, UNTIL ONE MORNING...
おぎゃあ…
おぎゃあ…

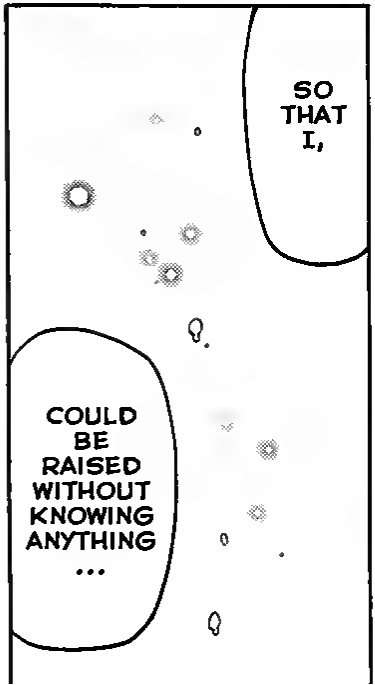
おぎゃあ
ほぎゃあ
THAT DAY...
THE 64TH SPRING SINCE
おぎゃあ
おぎゃあ
THE DREAM OF THOSE TWO TOOK SHAPE.
MIO LUNA-CANTA WAS BORN INTO THIS WORLD.


SOME-TIMES ...
THEY WOULD BE CAPTURED IN FRAG-MENTS.
THINGS OF THE OUTER SEA...
THINGS OF "THE LUNA-CANTA"...
THESE... WERE REKI'S LEFTOVER MEMORIES INSIDE ME.

I REMEMBER EVERY-THING,
MOTHER!


I'M LIKE REKI'S OTHER SELF.
? ?
REKI'S MEMORIES WERE SUPPOSED TO BE INSIDE OF ME IN THE FIRST PLACE.

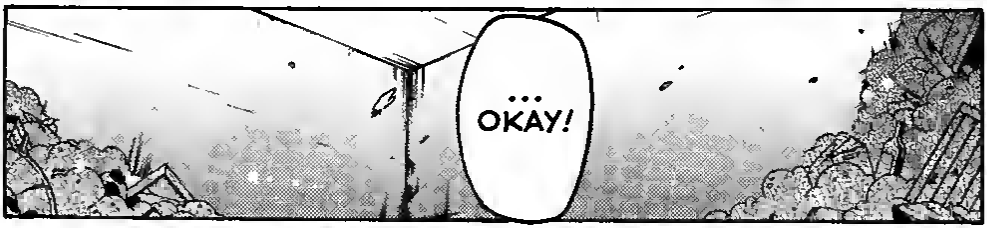
HOW-EVER, REKI
TOOK THE MEMORIES OUT,
AND SEALED THEM WITHIN THE AMULET

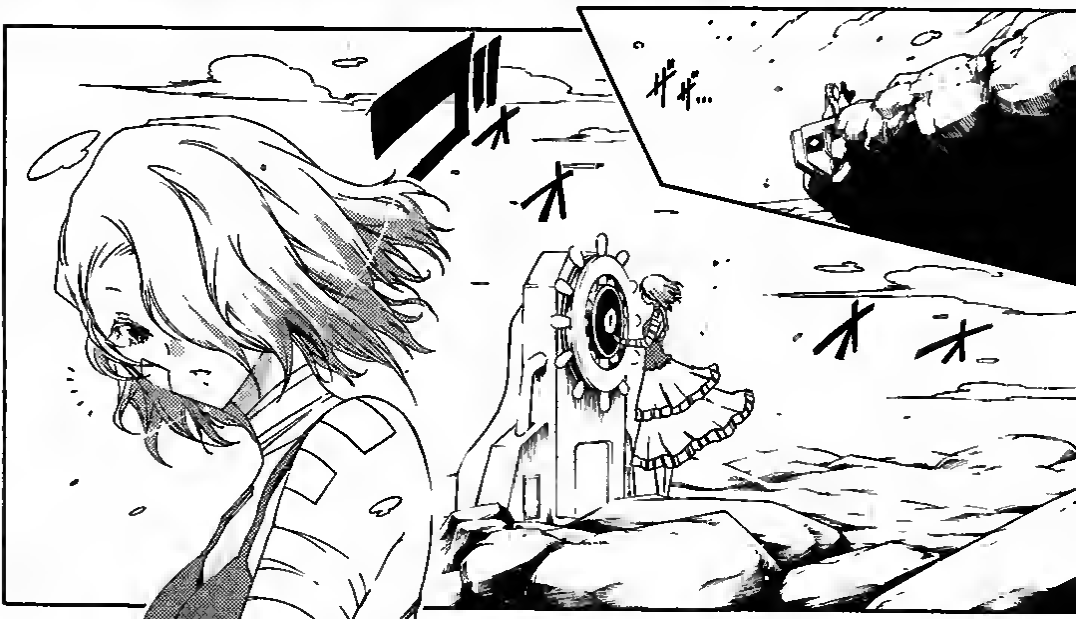

SO THAT I,
COULD BE RAISED WITHOUT KNOWING ANYTHING ...

SO I COULD LIVE IN HAPPI-NESS...
AS A HUMAN.

LICCA ...
I CAN'T AFFORD TO RUN AWAY.
I HAVE TO STOP NIRVANA.
THAT GUY MUST NEVER GO TO THE "PROMISED LAND"!
THAT GUY'S MOTIVE THERE IS TO BECOME THE CREATOR OF THE WORLD.
IF THAT GUY GAINS THAT POWER, MANY PEOPLE WILL BE HURT.
THAT'S WHY, LICCA, GO ON AHEAD AND-
"RUN"?
!!

I CAN'T LEAVE THAT GUY BE!
AS APPRENTICE OCEANIC AFFAIR AGENTS!
LET'S GO TOGETHER!


...OKAY!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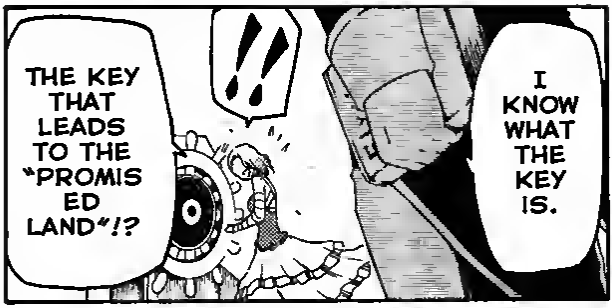
THE KEY THAT LEADS TO THE "PROMISED LAND"!?
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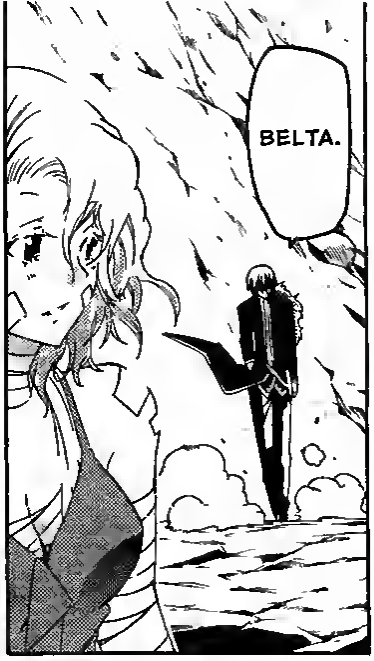
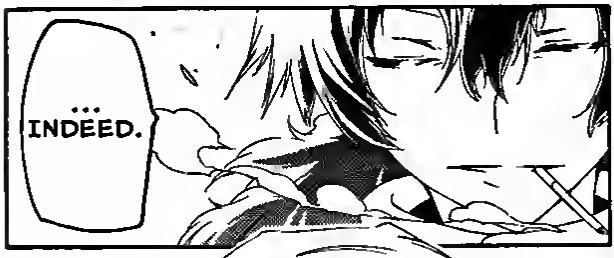
I KNOW WHAT THE KEY IS.


BELTA.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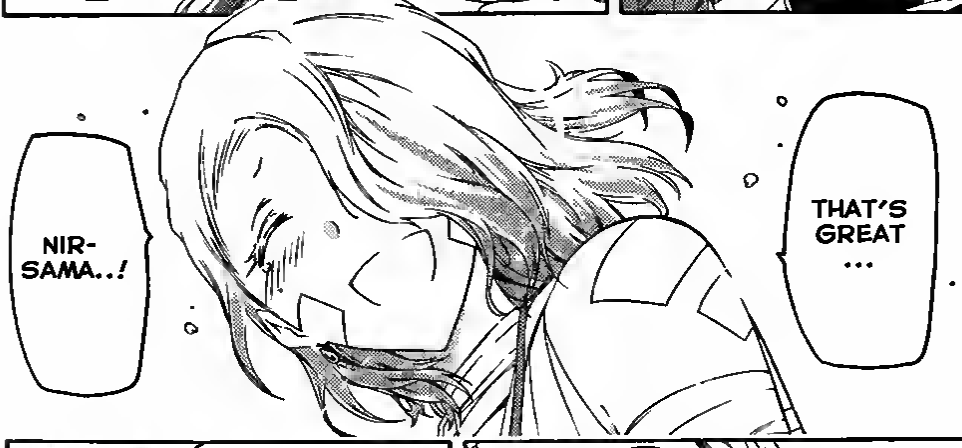
NIR-SAMA..!
THAT'S GREAT ...

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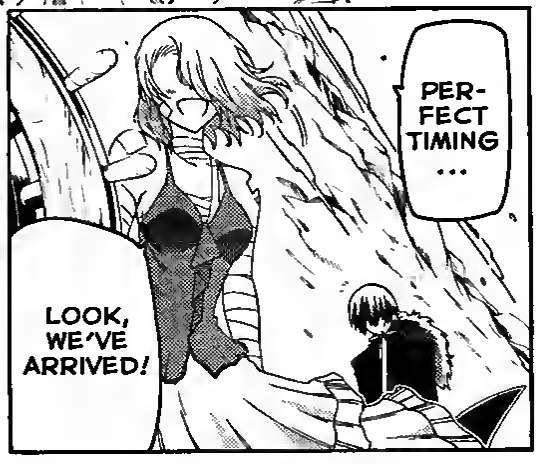
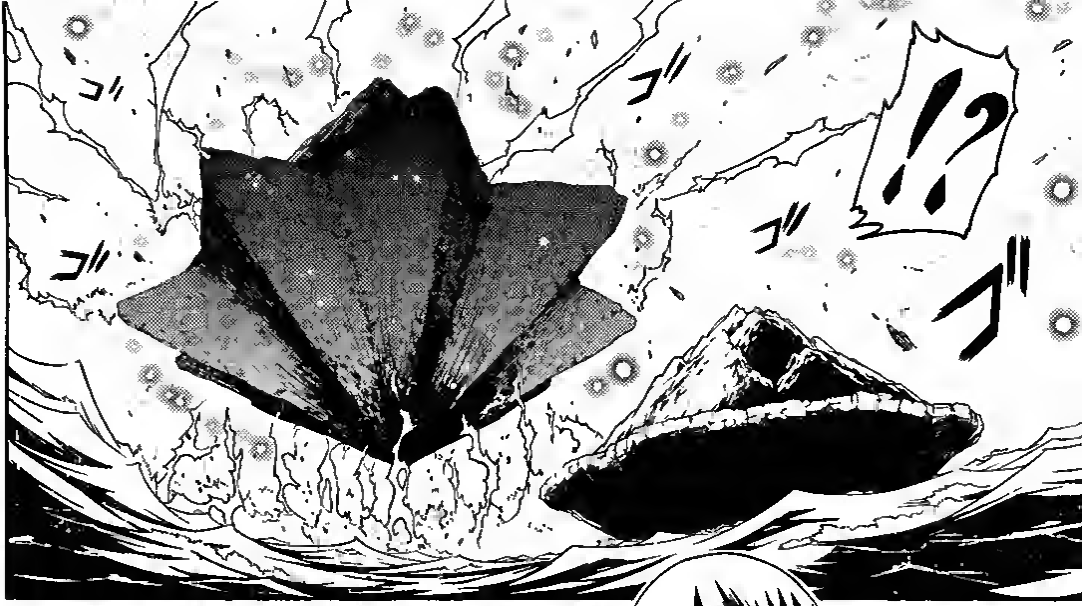

PER-FECT TIMING ...
LOOK, WE'VE ARRIVED!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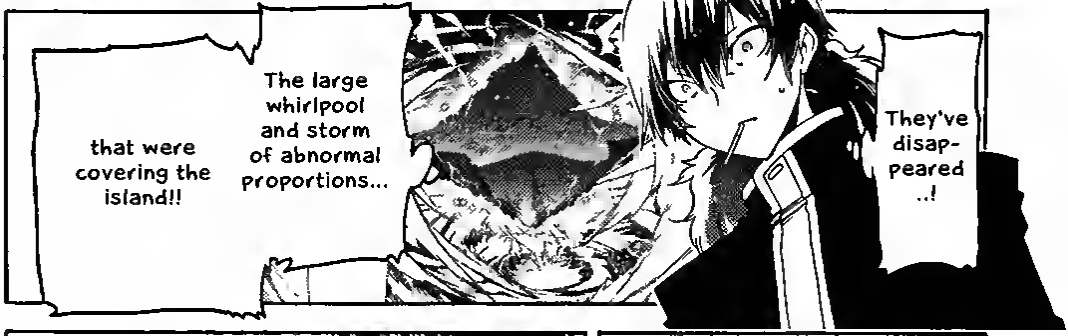
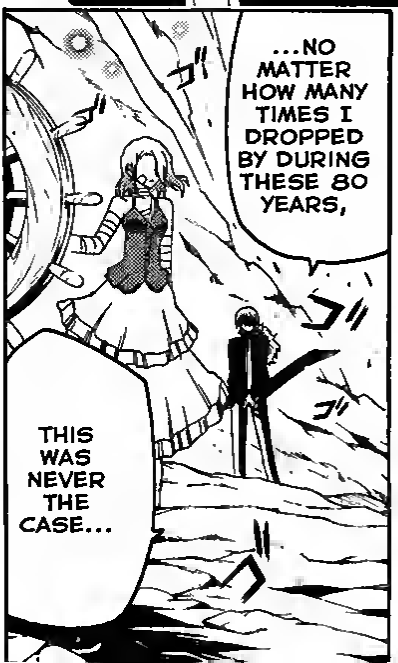

They've disap-peared ..!
The large whirlpool and storm of abnormal proportions...
that were covering the island!!

...HEHE, HOW IRONIC!


...NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I DROPPED BY DURING THESE 80 YEARS,
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THIS WAS NEVER THE CASE...

TO THINK THAT THERE WOULD BE SOMEONE WHO COULD
NEUTRALIZE THAT LARGE STORM, WHICH HAD ENGULFED LUNACANTA IN AN INSTANT.

THERE IS AN INTERESTING JINX USER!
IT SEEMS THAT WITHIN THE VISITORS,
Master ...
It's begun... Yan-sensei...
JUST DO WHAT YOU CAN DO.
WHAT WILL YOU DO, AGE?
"WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?"
can do something...
I...

I'VE CAUGHT YOU.
Damn, I can't move..!
Regardless of how many blows I've taken at this point,
I still don't know what this guy's true Jinx ability is..!
DAMN YAN..!

HOW IRRIT-ATING ..!
WHY, DAMN IT..!
ULTI-MATE LY...
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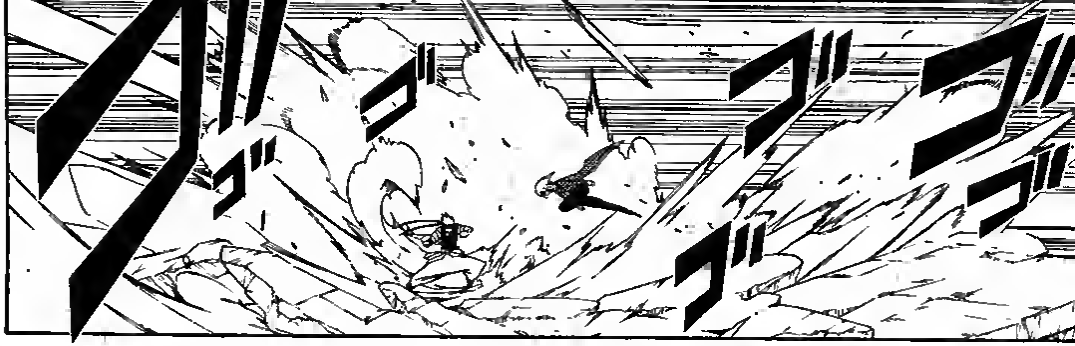
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS GUY...
THAT ISN'T NICE!
YOU EVEN STOPPED A MOSQUITO?
WHY IS THIS SO IRRITAT-ING..?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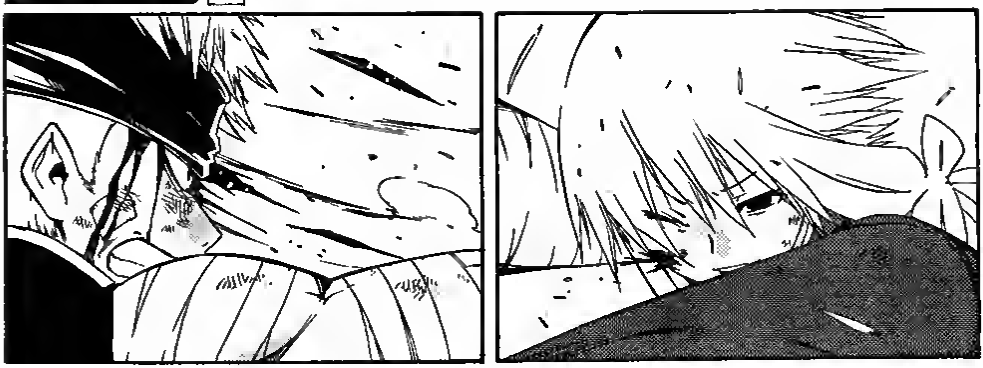


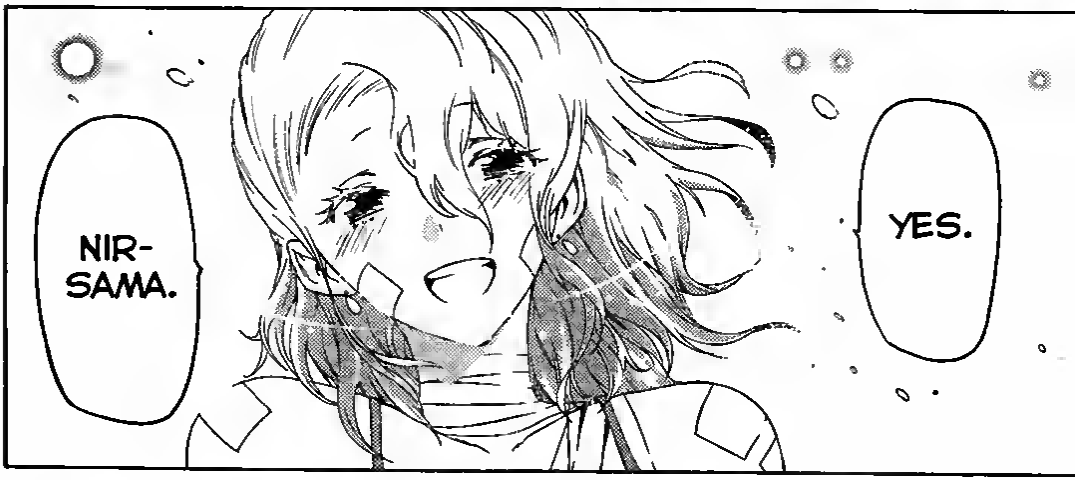
ONLY YOU CAN BE MY KEY...

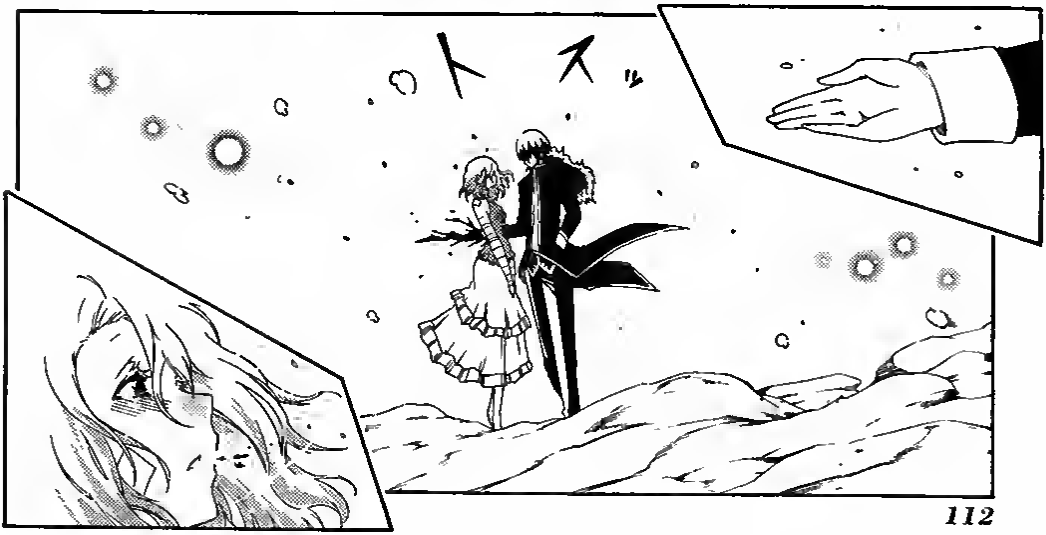
THE "PROMISED LAND".
THE PLACE WHERE ALL THE "FLAMES OF LIFE" RETURN TO.
THUS, ONLY A "FLAME OF LIFE" CAN PASS.
A GATE THAT HEADS THERE.
THIS ISLAND IS SIMPLY ...
ALONG WITH THE TIMES, IT'S BEEN DISTORTED AND ALTERED PRACTICALLY AS IF A LARGE PORTION WAS DESTROYED, BUT-
THE ELYSIUM DOCTRINE.
ELYSION
THE KEY FOR PASSING THROUGH AS A LIVING PERSON?
WHEN I TRACED BACK, THERE WERE HINTS.
I DIDN'T KNOW FOR A LONG TIME.

ONE CANNOT GO AGAINST THE "CURRENT".
AND DETAILS ABOUT THE SPECIAL PROPERTY OF THE "FLAME OF LIFE".

THE "CURRENT" IS...
THE CYCLE OF "FLAMES OF LIFE", RIGHT?
YES, BUT THERE'S NO POINT BLINDLY EMBARKING WITH THE CURRENT.
BY USING THAT PROPERTY, YOU WILL HAVE A KEY.
...BELTA.
YES, NIR-SAMA.

WOULD YOU DIE FOR MY SAKE?


NIR-SAMA.
YES.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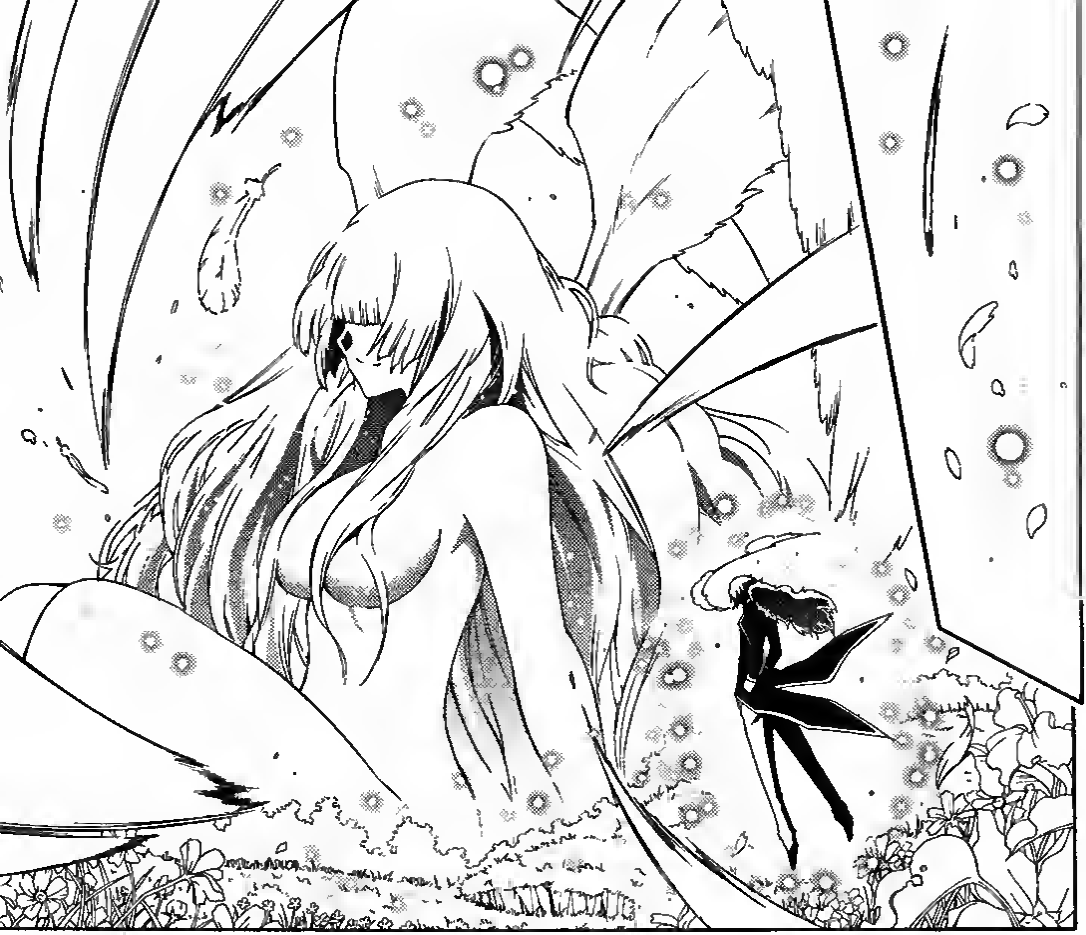
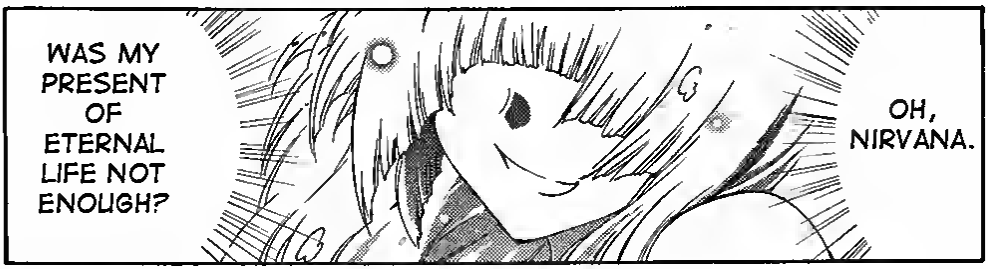
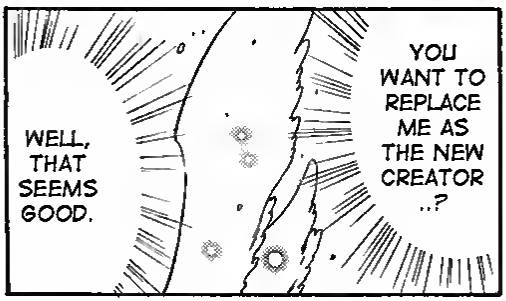
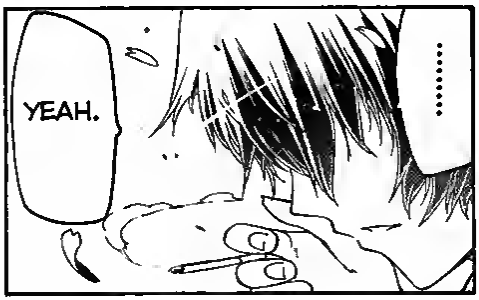
AHH ...
I'M SO HAPPY...
NOT JUST MY HEART ...
BUT MY LIFE.
USED FOR NIR-SAMA'S SAKE...
THE "FLAME OF LIFE" REFLECTS THE HEART.
THE STRONG FEELINGS HELD BY THE PERSON DURING THEIR LIFE...
LINGERS IN THE "FLAME OF LIFE".

SURRENDERING IT TO THE "CURRENT"
IS THE KEY FOR LIVING HUMANS TO ARRIVE AT THE "PROMISED LAND".
A "FLAME OF LIFE" CARRYING STRONG FEELINGS FROM ONE'S OWN HEART.
YOU, WERE TRULY A GOOD WOMAN.
BELTA.




WAS MY PRESENT OF ETERNAL LIFE NOT ENOUGH?
OH, NIRVANA.


YOU WANT TO REPLACE ME AS THE NEW CREATOR ..?
WELL, THAT SEEMS GOOD.


YEAH.
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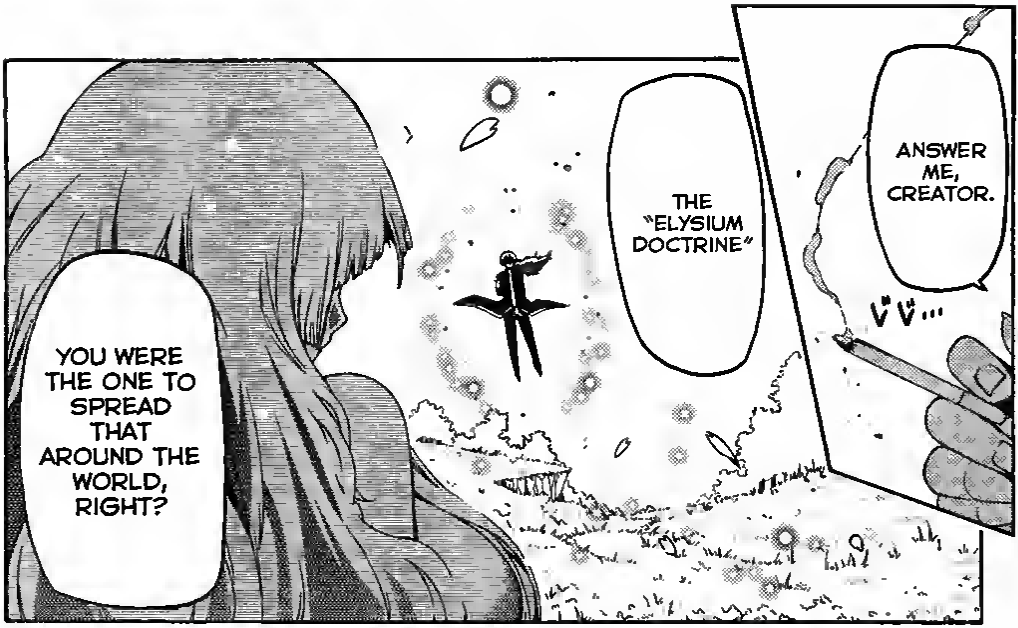
ANSWER ME, CREATOR.
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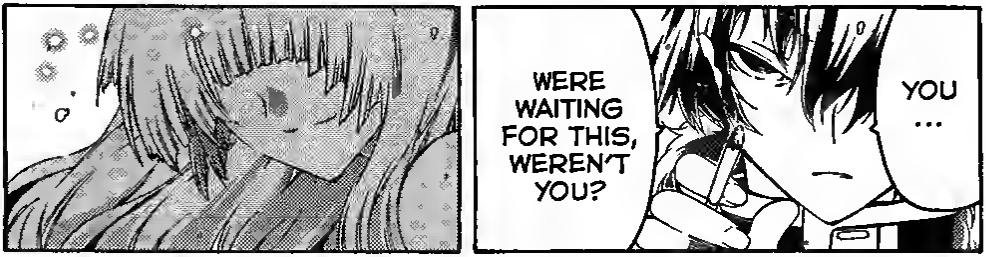
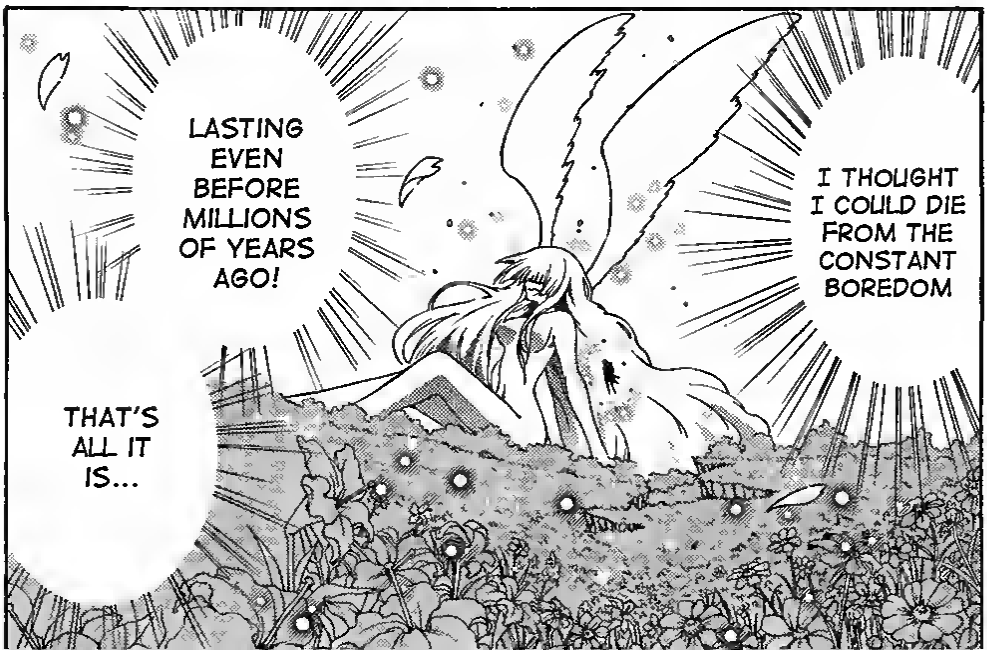
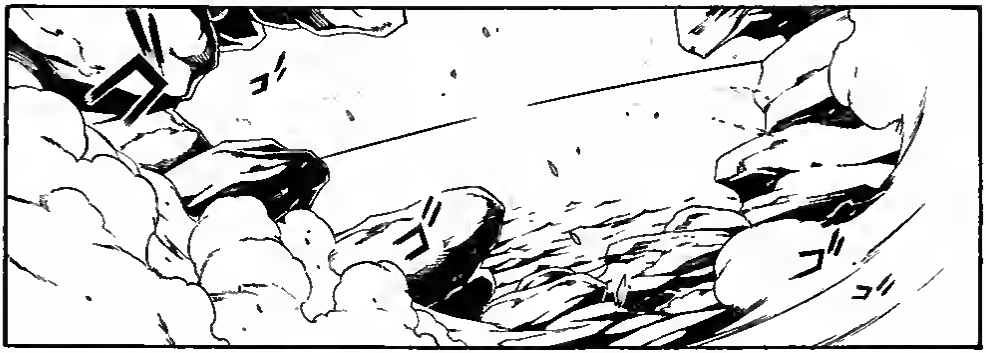
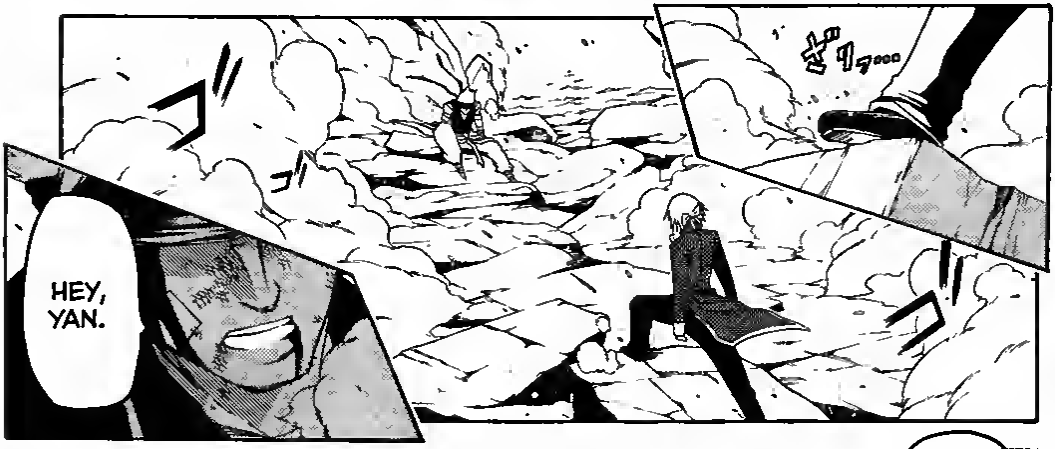
THE "ELYSIUM DOCTRINE"
YOU WERE THE ONE TO SPREAD THAT AROUND THE WORLD, RIGHT?


YOU …
WERE WAITING FOR THIS, WEREN'T YOU?


I THOUGHT I COULD DIE FROM THE CONSTANT BOREDOM
LASTING EVEN BEFORE MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO!
THAT'S ALL IT IS…




HEY, YAN.

IT'S BECAUSE LIFE IS LIMITED THAT EVERYONE CAN LIVE DESPERATELY.
AIN'T THAT THE WAY IT'S MEANT TO BE?

SO, WHY DO YOU...
WANT TO BE IMMORTAL SO BADLY?

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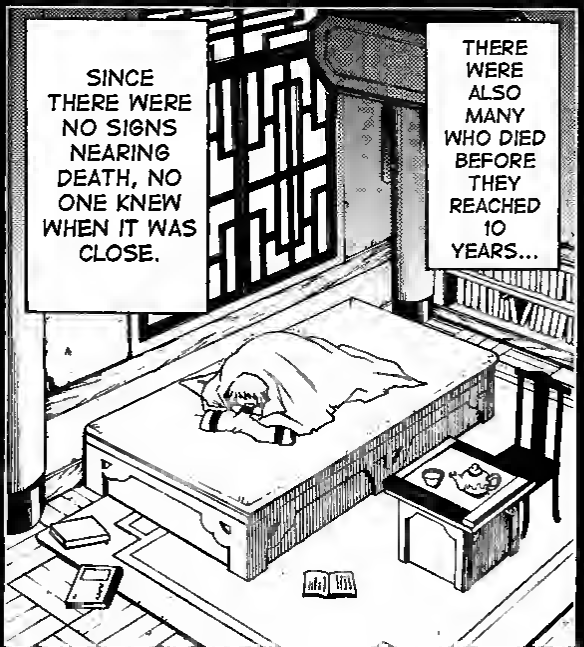
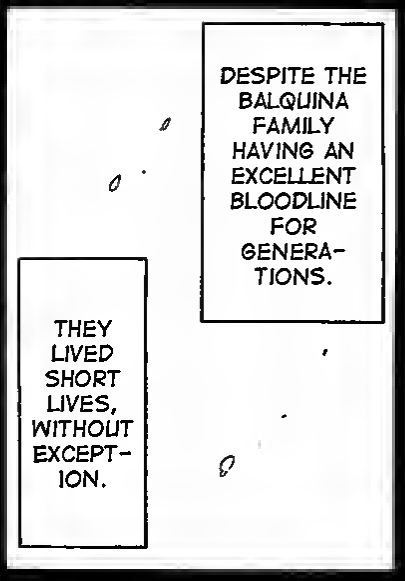
SHUT UP!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ME?

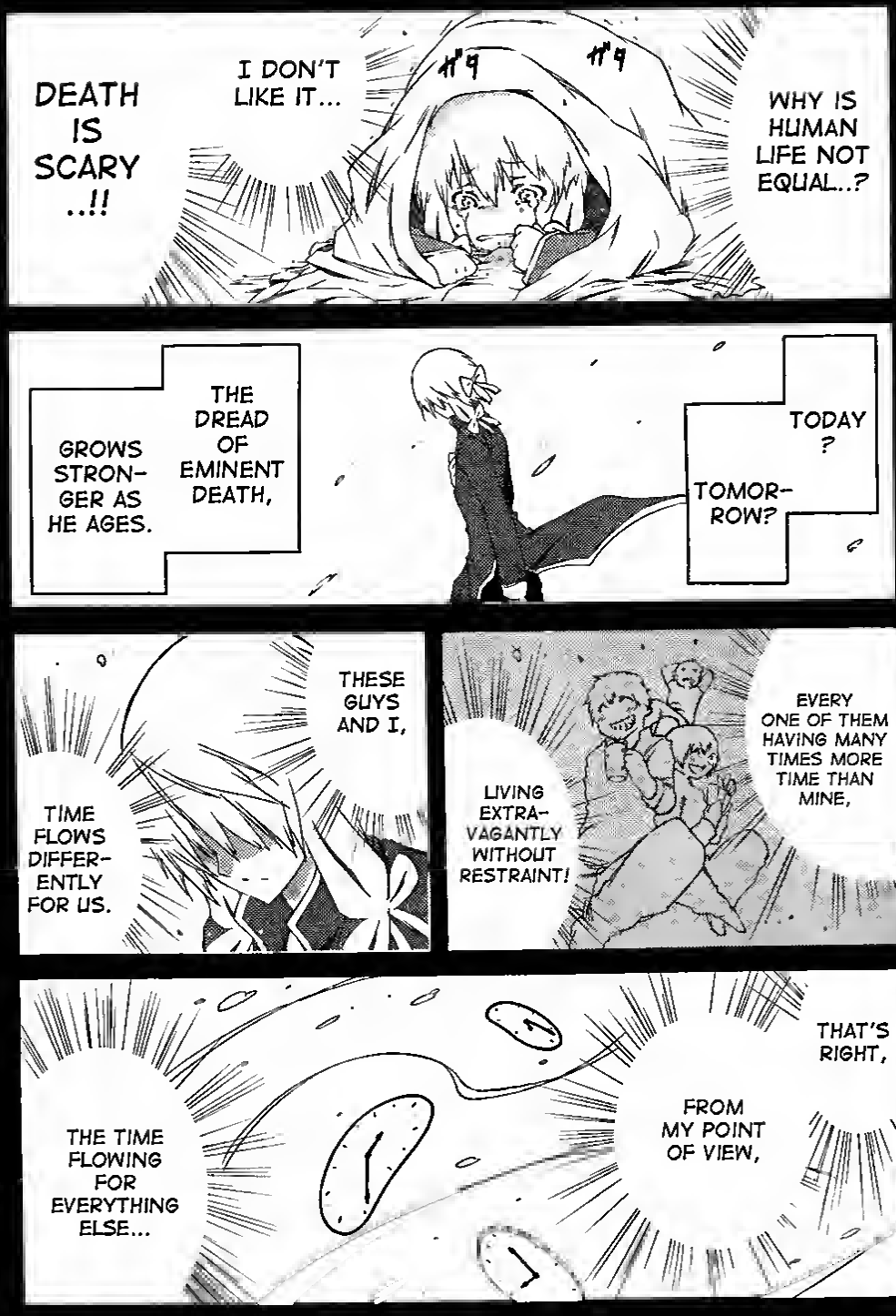
WHAT WOULD A PUNK PLEDGING AN HONEST LIFE
KNOW ABOUT ME!!?
!.....
... FATHER
DIED ...?

IT WAS RO-SAMA LAST MONTH.
AND NOW THIS MONTH, EVEN RUU-SAMA'S BROTHER ...
HE WAS ENERGETIC YESTERDAY, BUT THEN HE BECAME NERVOUS.
A REGRET-TABLE PERSON TO LOSE...

HOW-EVER ...
IN THAT CASE, LIVING TO 28 WOULD BE CON-SIDERED A LONG LIFE.


SINCE THERE WERE NO SIGNS NEARING DEATH, NO ONE KNEW WHEN IT WAS CLOSE.
THERE WERE ALSO MANY WHO DIED BEFORE THEY REACHED 10 YEARS...


DESPITE THE BALQUINA FAMILY HAVING AN EXCELLENT BLOODLINE FOR GENERA-TIONS.
THEY LIVED SHORT LIVES, WITHOUT EXCEPT-ION.


DEATH IS SCARY ..!!
I DON'T LIKE IT...
WHY IS HUMAN LIFE NOT EQUAL..?
GROWS STRONGER AS HE AGES.
THE DREAD OF EMINENT DEATH,
TODAY ?
TOMORROW?
THESE GUYS AND I,
TIME FLOWS DIFFERENTLY FOR US.
EVERY ONE OF THEM HAVING MANY TIMES MORE TIME THAN MINE,
LIVING EXTRAVAGANTLY WITHOUT RESTRAINT!
THAT'S RIGHT,
FROM MY POINT OF VIEW,
THE TIME FLOWING FOR EVERYTHING ELSE...

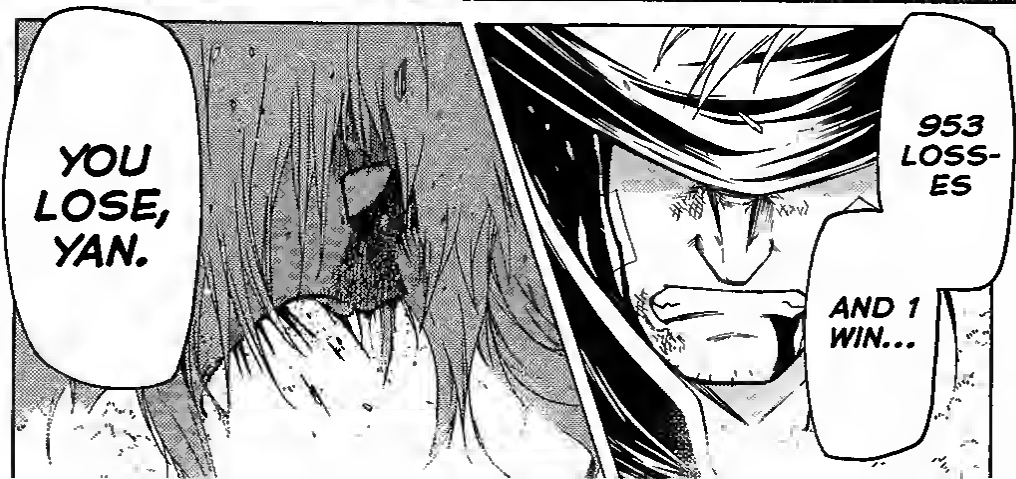
IS AS IF IT WAS STOPPED.
TL JINX: CLEAN AND SERENE AS A POLISHED MIRROR AND STILL WATER. MEANING: HAVING A CALM STATE OF MIND.
MEI KYOU SHISUI !!!
BECAUSE YOU'RE ALL LIVING IN A DIFFERENT TIME FROM ME..!
NOBODY UNDER-STANDS MY FEELINGS !!!

WHA-

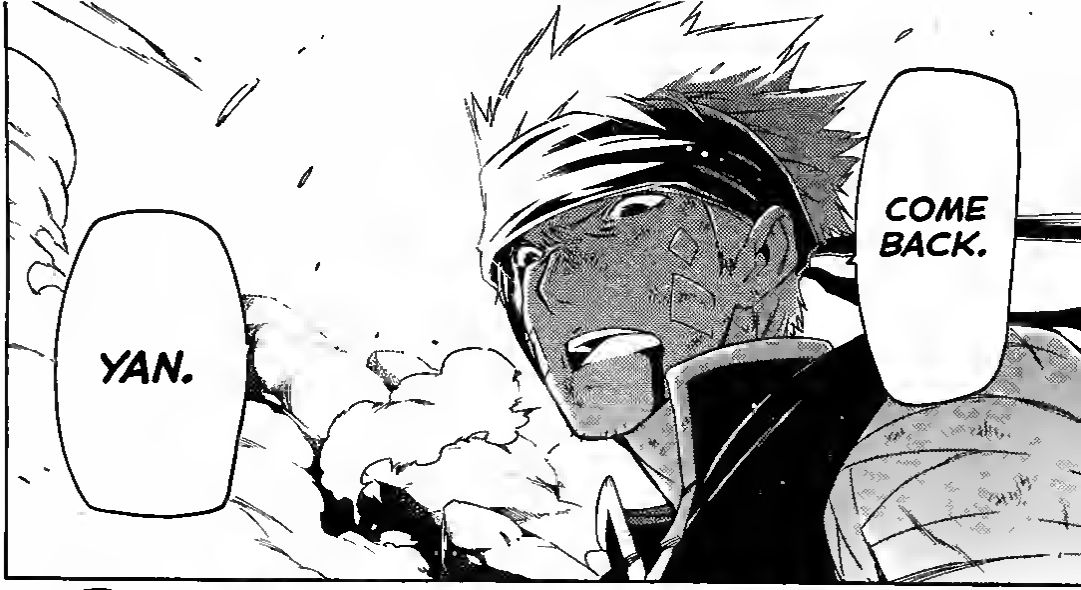
BUT THAT'S YOUR BELIEF?
I'VE BEEN TORTURED BY YOUR JINX FOR MANY YEARS.
THAT YOU'RE LIVING IN A DIFFER-ENT TIME?
!!
HOW CAN HE MOV-
... I UNDER STAND,
YOUR TRUE INTENTION AT LAST..!

THIS AIN'T THE TIME FOR YOU TO BE HALF ASLEEP, YA PIECE OF TRASH !!!
OBVIOUSLY
YER JINX WON'T WORK ANY-MORE!
!?
BOTH OF US HAVE BEEN LIVING IN THE SAME TIME.
IF YOU'RE TELLING ME YOU'VE ALREADY FORGOTTEN ABOUT THAT...

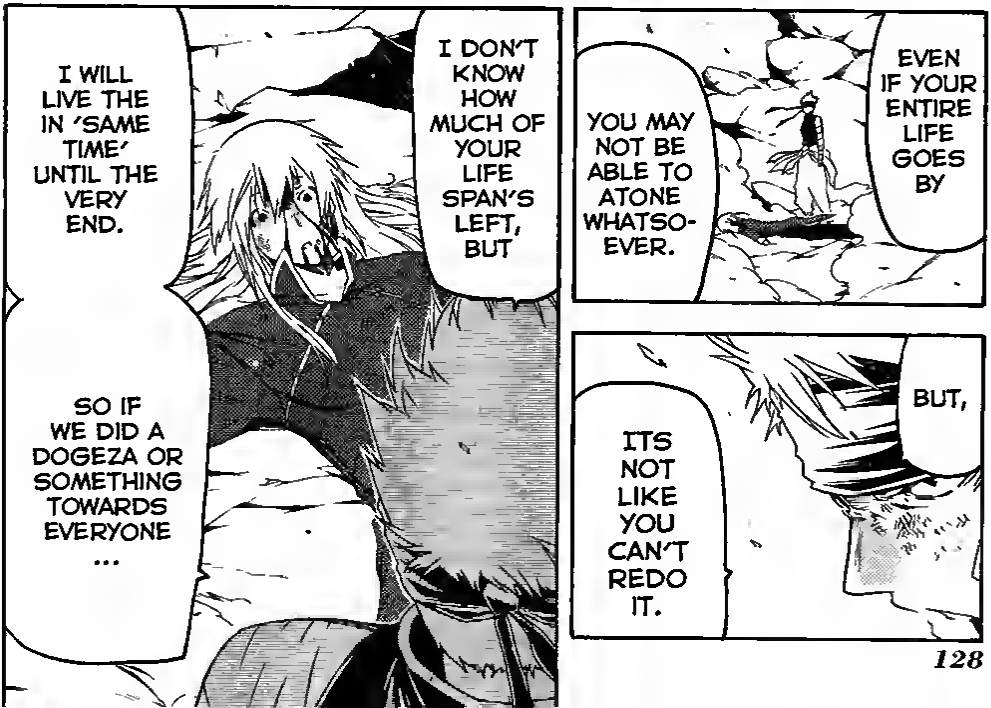
THEN I DON'T PLAN ON LOSING ...
TO THE LIKES OF YOU!!
... I'LL KILL YOU !!!
DON'T GET COCKY
AS IF MY JINX WON'T WORK ON YOU..!
NOW YOU'RE DONE FOR..!!


YOU LOSE, YAN.
953 LOSS-ES
AND 1 WIN...

I DON'T HAVE ANY-THING LEFT.
AHH...
NOTHING LEFT...
FRIENDS, AND DREAMS.
THAT'S ALL. YOU DID SOME STUPID THINGS.
YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW.
IT'S NOT OVER YET.
HOW-EVER,


COME BACK.
YAN.

WHAT YOU DID TO THE GLASSES MISSY WAS
SOME-THING UNFOR-GIVABLE.


EVEN IF YOUR ENTIRE LIFE GOES BY
YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ATONE WHATSO-EVER.
BUT,
ITS NOT LIKE YOU CAN'T REDO IT.
I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH OF YOUR LIFE SPAN'S LEFT, BUT
I WILL LIVE THE IN 'SAME TIME' UNTIL THE VERY END.
SO IF WE DID A DOGEZA OR SOMETHING TOWARDS EVERYONE ...

EVERYONE CAN BE TO-GETHER AGAIN...
MAYBE, JUST MAYBE,
THAT THE THE DREAD OF DEATH STRENGTH-ENS.
IT'S BECAUSE OF THOSE FUN TIMES
WHY ARE YOU...
ALWAYS THAT INCON-SIDER-ATE?

OVER THERE!
I, CAN NEVER GO BACK
FOR THE SAKE OF ESCAPING FROM THE DREAD,
EVEN IF I *GIVE UP EVERY-THING*
AT LEAST, UNTIL THE END, I WANT TO REMAIN THE BAD GUY!
DON'T BE LEAD ASTRAY, GRIFF!
COULD WE—
HEY ...
IF I COULD BE GRIFF, REBORN,

HEY...
IF I COULD BE REBORN,
GRIFF,
NEXT TIME FOR SURE,
COULD WE BE FRIENDS?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY
"NEXT TIME FOR SURE",
DAMN IT!
YOU DAMN STUPID JERK ..!!

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WHAT!!?
WHAT'S HAPPENING!!?
...ITS TOO LATE..!
NIRVANA HAS TRANSFORMED INTO THE CREATOR ...
THE COLLAPSE IS BEGINNING..!
THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE WORLD...
NIRVANA ...
PLANS TO ANNIHILATE THE WORLD WITH ALL OF MANKIND AT ONCE..!!
THAT'S ...
!
.....!

CAN'T POSSIBLY BE A HUMAN'S POWER, RIGHT..?
SOME-THING LIKE THIS...
WE'RE DONE FO-
FALL-ING ..!!?

THE SKY IS...
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!!!
NO
NO WAY ..!?

I'M AWESOME AREN'T I!?
WHAT' DYA THINK!?
I WON'T LET IT FALL.
I AM LOVED BY THE HEAVENS!!!
BECAUSE,
AGE..!!

THIS SKY WILL NOT FALL.
HOWEVER, COMPLETELY DOING AS I LIKE,
WHILE MY PRECIOUS FRIENDS ARE BEING HURT.
CHOOSING NOT TO DO ANYTHING IS 100 TIMES MORE FRIGHTENING.
ALWAYS RUNNING AWAY...
SUPER SCARED OF FIGHTING,
MAY JUST BE A SKIRT CHASER, BUT I CAME THIS FAR AS A NORMAL PERSON, YA KNOW...
I...
IT STOP-...
HUH..?

HEHE-
EVEN IF IT LOOKS LIKE SPEARS ARE FALLIN'!
FROM HERE ON OUT, NO MATTER WHAT FALLS, I AIN'T GONNA BUDGE!
...YEAH.
THAT'S WHAT I BELIEVE
FROM THE DEPTHS OF MY HEART.
EVERY-ONE ...
LICCA TOO,
STAY BY AGE.

I'LL STOP THE RECON-STRUCTION OF THE EARTH!
I WILL SEND NIRVANA FLYING.
!?
D-
THAT'S RIGHT!!
IN THE FIRST PLACE, HOW DO YOU PLAN ON GETTING THERE!?
ARE YOU PLANNING ON GOING ALONE!?
DON'T BE ABSURD!
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN GO.
...SORRY.
!
CAGE IS
GOING TO GUIDE ME.

MIO-...!!
I'LL BE BACK IN A BIT!
EVERY-ONE...
I LOVE YOU ...

名前　ヤン＝バルクイナ
誕生日　6月10日
血液型　ＡＢ型
出身地　加羅耶
苦手な物　無駄な時間を過ごす事

ジンクス能力『明鏡止水』

加羅耶の名家バルクイナ家は、常人に比して優れた才能を輩出することで有名。もっとも、その能力と引き換えに一族は決まって短命で、しかも前兆もなく、ある日突然死に至る。一族の者は生を諦め、短命の中何を成すかに注力していたが、一族の中で探究心に富んでいたヤンは生にすがるようになった。終焉に向けて加速していく人生の中で、周りの時をゼロに等しく感じたヤン。彼が触れた物は全て、彼に対して相対的に時を止める。それは人に限らず、爆炎や滝を止めることも可能。

グリフとの出会いがもたらした物

いつ死ぬかわからない身ながらも、不老不死を求めて航務員になったヤン。僅かな期間で、理事長ロッテの片腕となった。もちろんロッテの傍にいたのは、彼女が不老不死の秘密を握っていると感じていたためである。自らの目的に邁進するそんな中で、グリフの存在は本来無駄以外の何者でもなかったはずである。だが、彼が最後にグリフに問いかけた言葉…。短命に脅える毎日の中で、ヤンはこの世に生まれ落ちた喜びを見つけていたのかもしれない。

Character Profile.12 *Yan-Valquina*

名前　レキ＝ルナカンタ
誕生日　3月18日
血液型　O型
出身地　？？？
苦手な物　りおの小言

ジンクス能力『胡蝶之夢』

ニルヴァーナをして、「えげつない強さ」「理不尽な能力」と言わしめる最強のジンクス能力。夢と現実の区別が無くなる程、ほぼ毎日一日中寝続けることによって発現した夢を現実に反映させる能力。それはマグ＝メルでの事件後、さらに寝続けることで一つの生命を生み出すにまで至った。睡眠を極めたレキは、更に浅い眠りにつくことで、夢を見ながら闘うことが可能。みおを生み出すことで自分の能力のキャパシティをほぼ消費しており、現在ではその強さは半減している。

レキの夢が作り出した命

不老不死となり、永遠の時を経たレキが数十年眠り続けて生み出した命。りおの命の灯が寄り添い、二人で作り上げたその命は、まさに二人の子供と言える存在である。みおを自分の子として育て始めたレキは、やがて来る運命を感じ取っていたかのように、彼女に闘い方や心の在り方を教えた。「人間の限界なんてものは結局本人の心次第」。レキがみおに受け継がせたその信念は、やがて大きな壁を打ち崩す力となっていく…。

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WE ARE ALWAYS
RECRUITING MEMBERS
FOR OUR GROUP. IF YOU
WANT FASTER RELEASES
CONSIDER HELPING OUT.
APPLY AT KIREICAKE.COM!

YOU SAID
THAT WE'D GO TOGETHER ...!
IF YOU DON'T RETURN, I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU!
MIO ..!!

Final Act: And So, She Found the Depths of Imagination

エスプリ

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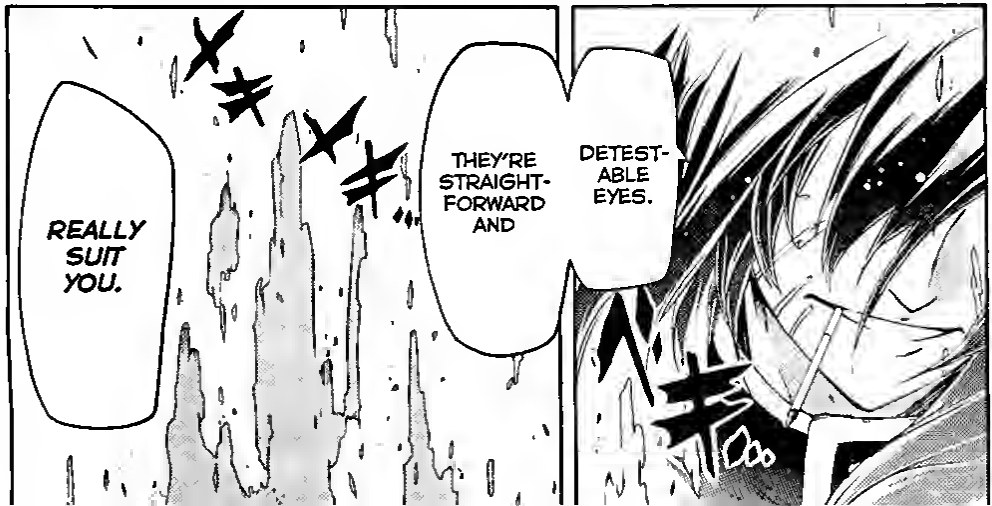
HEHE ...
LOOK WHO IT IS...
WHAT CAN I DO FOR REKI'S DOLL?
I HAVE COME TO STOP
THE SILLY CREATOR'S AFFECT-ATIONS!

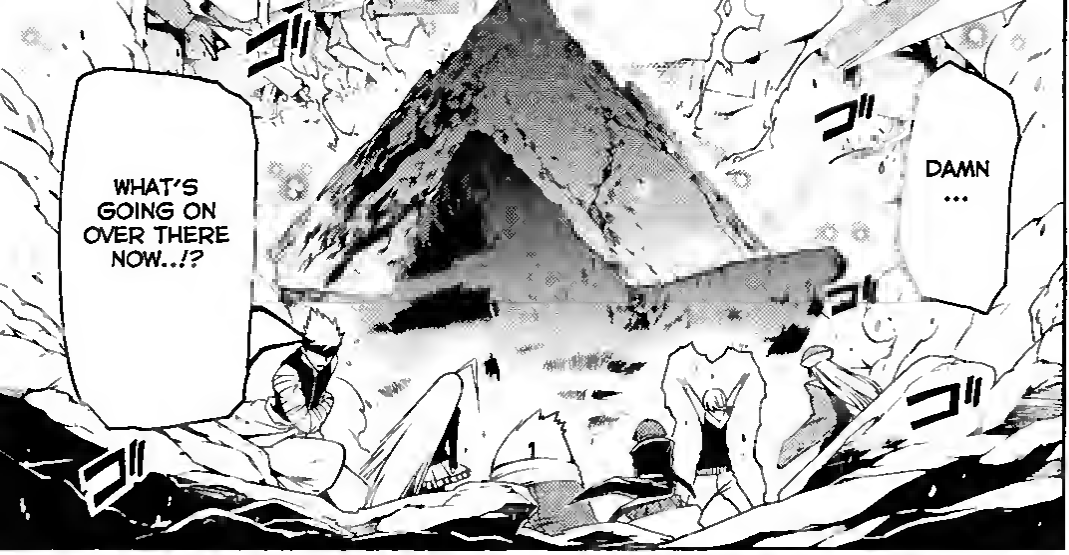
I WONDER WHO THE SILLY ONE IS.

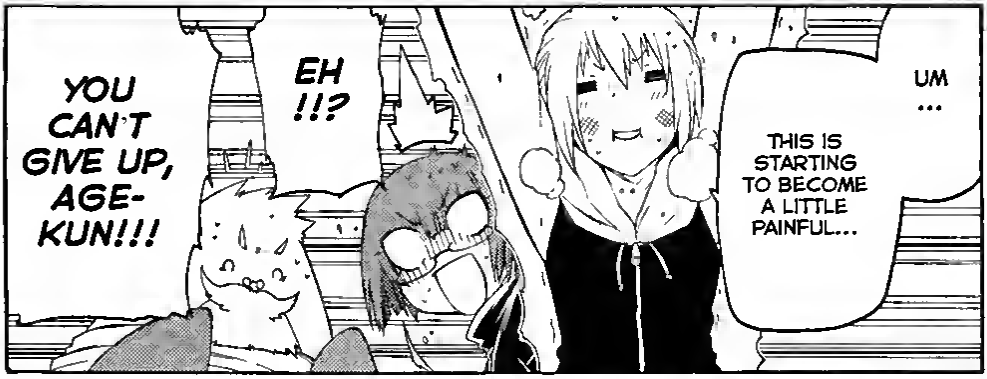
ヒュ…
ビ"リ…"
BAKA-VANA!
YOU ARE,
TL NOTE: A PLAY ON HIS NAME, "NIRVANA".
DIFFER FROM BEFORE.
YOU …

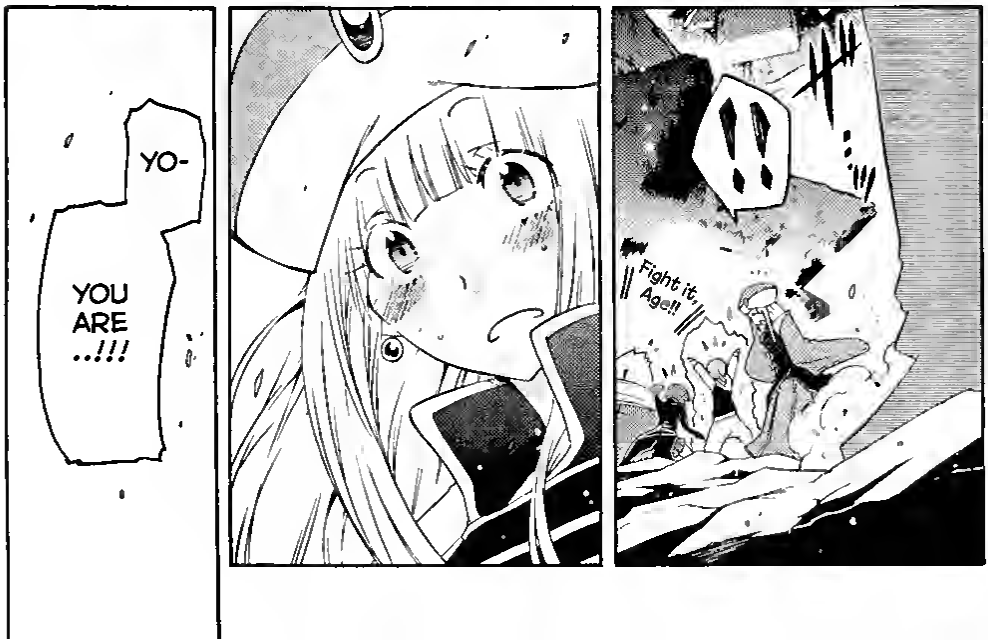
I'LL SEND
THE LIKES OF YOU FLYING!!
HURT ANYONE ELSE.
I WON'T LET YOU


REALLY SUIT YOU.
THEY'RE STRAIGHT-FORWARD AND
DETEST-ABLE EYES.

ベリキ
CARVE THIS INTO YOUR EYES.
ベリキ
THE SIGHT OF AN ABSOLUTE DIMENSION THAT HAS SURPASSED GOD!!
ベリキ


WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE NOW..!?
DAMN ...


YOU CAN'T GIVE UP, AGE-KUN!!!
EH !!?
UM ...
THIS IS STARTING TO BECOME A LITTLE PAINFUL...


YO-
YOU ARE ..!!!
!!
Fight it, Age!!

HAH.

SO THIS IS...
THE CREATOR'S POWER...
I CAN'T ...
BE AFRAID !!!
THE DIMEN-SIONAL WALL..!!

DEPENDING ON THE STATE OF HEART,
HER PHYSICAL ABILITY CHANGES MORE OR LESS, BUT...
WELL ...
THAT IS TO SAY, IT'S LOW-DIMENSIONAL, HUH?
おおおおお
!!
YOU CAN DIE ALREADY.

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HUH ..?
HAVE YOU EATEN YET?
YO.
MIO.

RE ...
REKI !!!

...KU-
...KUKU-
AS EXPECTED, YOU CAME...
TO ERASE THAT YOUNG GIRL,
AND GAIN BACK YOUR VULGAR POWERS.
YOU CAME TO TAKE BACK YOUR POWERS WHICH BEEN REDUCED BY HALF.
REKI.
REKI...
IF IT'LL SAVE THE WORLD AND THE PEOPLE I LOVE, THEN
I...
NON-SENSE.

I DON'T WANT A WORLD WITHOUT YOU.
YOU GOT IT THE OTHER WAY AROUND, NIR!
YOU SEE, I HAVE COME TO USE THE LAST OF MY POWERS TO PUSH HER FORWARD.

AT THAT MOMENT, A BIT OF MY ABILITY WAS BURIED IN, AND LEFT BEHIND
IN THE BATTLE A FEW DAYS AGO, THE BLOW I LAUNCHED INTO YOUR CHEST
REMEMBER, NIR?
あ!?
I'M GOING TO USE IT AS AN AMP FOR MY ABILITY.
THAT BODY, POWERFUL ENOUGH TO EFFECT THE ENTIRE WORLD...
...WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO?
I'M GOING TO SHOW A DREAM,
TO THE ENTIRE WORLD.

UU GH ...
!
FIGHT- ING..!
MIO IS...
WEREN'T YOU OCEANIC AFFAIRS AGENTS MEANT FOR THESE EMERGENCY SITUATIONS...!
DAMN,
IT'S OVER AL- READY ...
THE WORLD IS OVER...
WHAT HAVE WE INVESTED ALL THIS TIME FOR...
AREN'T YOU THE INCOMPET- ENT ONE, GREENHORN PUNK?
LISTEN, YOU IN- COMPE- TENT FOOLS!!
TALKING RECK- LESSLY, HUH...
CAN I SMACK 'IM GOOD?
HOW DO YOU PLAN ON TAKING RESPON- SIBILITY!?

GRE...
GREENHORN!?
I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS, BUT
IF YOU HAVE THE TIME FOR PUSHING AROUND RESPONSIBILITY, THEN WHY NOT CHEER ON INSTEAD?
...WELL
IF SHE'S THE ONE FIGHTING...
WE'LL MANAGE SOMEHOW OR ANOTHER, RIGHT?

GY A-HA HA
IT'S AS YOU SAY, BISHOP MEME.
HOW ABOUT WE ALL GO AND CHEER ON MIU-KUN!

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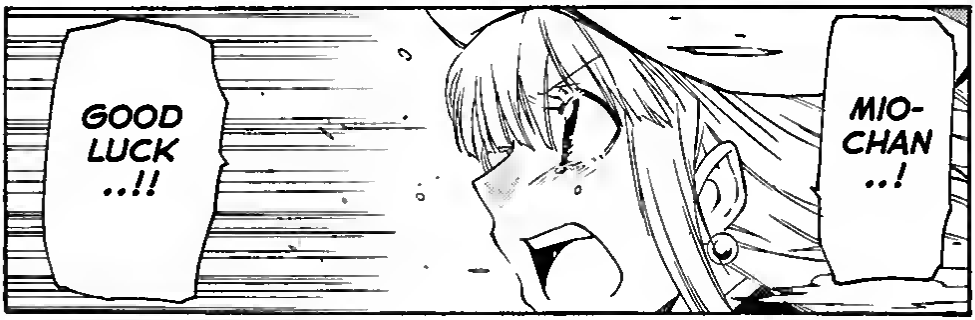
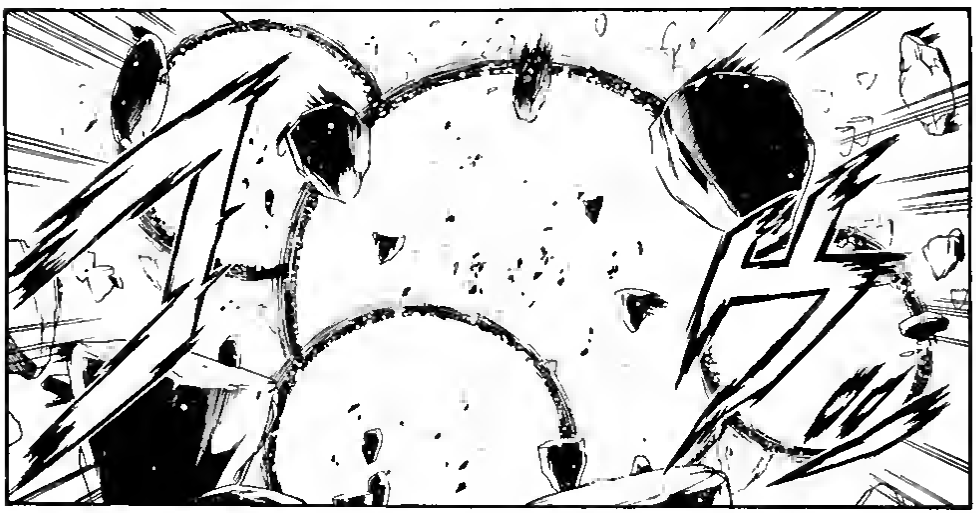
Reki -san ..!!
You are ...
I THINK THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE AWARE, BUT
MIO WAS BORN FROM MY JINX-
BORN FROM PERSONIFIED "THOUGHTS".
PEOPLE'S THOUGHTS MAKE HER STRONGER.
SO, CAN YOU SOME-HOW
BELIEVE IN HER?

HUH !!
I WAS JUST ... JUST ...
ITS ALL THANKS TO YOU.

...SHE HAS SOME GOOD FRIENDS.

SHE'LL BE...
ALRIGHT EVEN IF I'M NOT THERE.


MIO-CHAN ..!
GOOD LUCK ..!!



WHAT HAP-PENED!?
HU
THE MOMENT REKI USED HIS JINX...
MIO'S POWER SUDDENLY STARTED TO RISE..!!
...MIO
A HUMAN'S LIMIT... IS SIMPLY...
LIMITED BY THEIR OWN HEART..!!!

PIERCING MY DIMENSIONAL WALL..!!!?
HOW ARE SUCH EXTREMELY LOW-DIMENSIONAL ATTACKS...
DON'T LOOK!!
I AM...
A TRANSCENDENT BEING THOUGH..!!?

THOSE EYES,
STOP IIIT!!!
MIO LU NA CAN TA!!!
!!
I CAN HEAR.
YEAH...
EVERYONE'S VOICES
ARE BECOMING STRENGTH AND GATHERING IN ME.

SEND HIM FLYING !!!
ONE GREAT BIG
HIT!
FIGHT !!!
Mou!! Tai Iruyo!
MIO-CHAN !!
MIO-CHI!!!
PUT YOUR BACK INTO IT, GIRLY! !!
HIT HARD !!!

VANISH !!!
IDIOT!!! PLUNGING HEAD ON..!!

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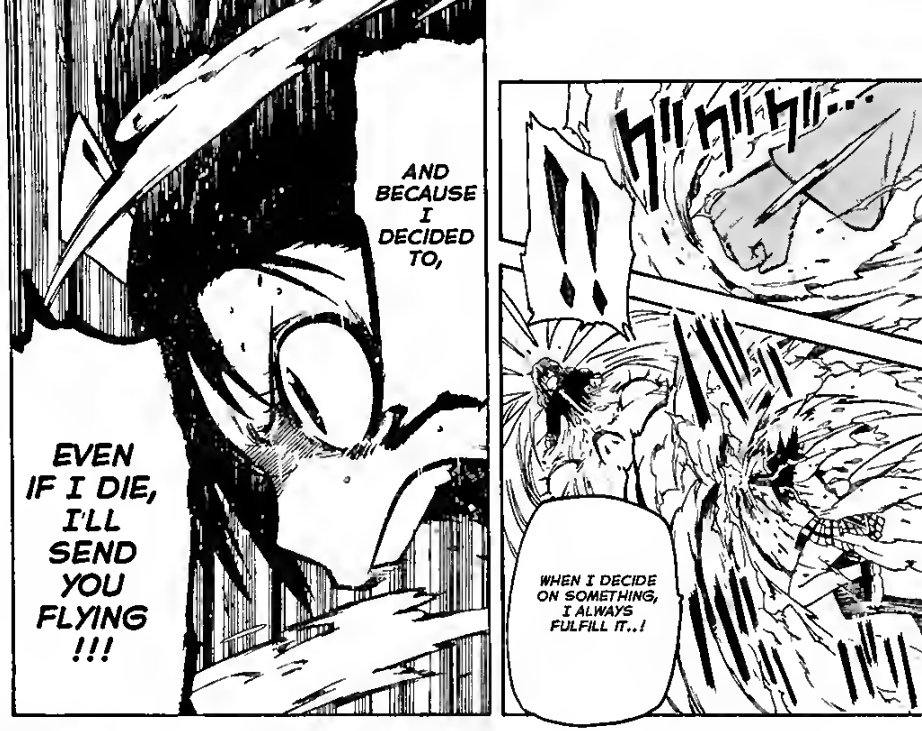
MIO:
YOU REALLY LOOK YOUR BEST WHEN YOU SMILE.
LET'S GO.

AND ATTAIN YOUR DESIRED OUTCOME.
NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF WALL OR LAW THERE IS
YOU'LL BREAK IT WITH THE POWER OF IMAGIN-ATION.
THAT IS YOUR JINX, MIO.
ARE YOU UU..! !?
WHAT ...



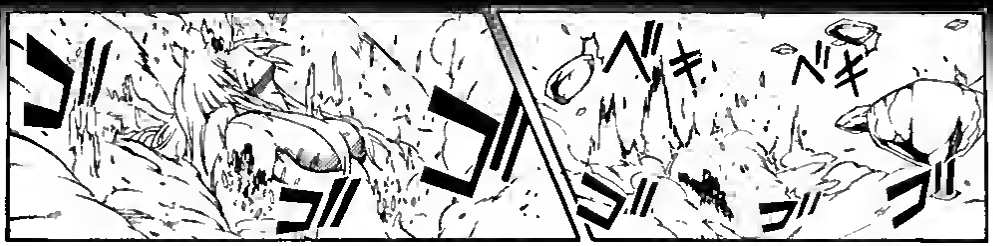
TONAN HOUYOKU !!!

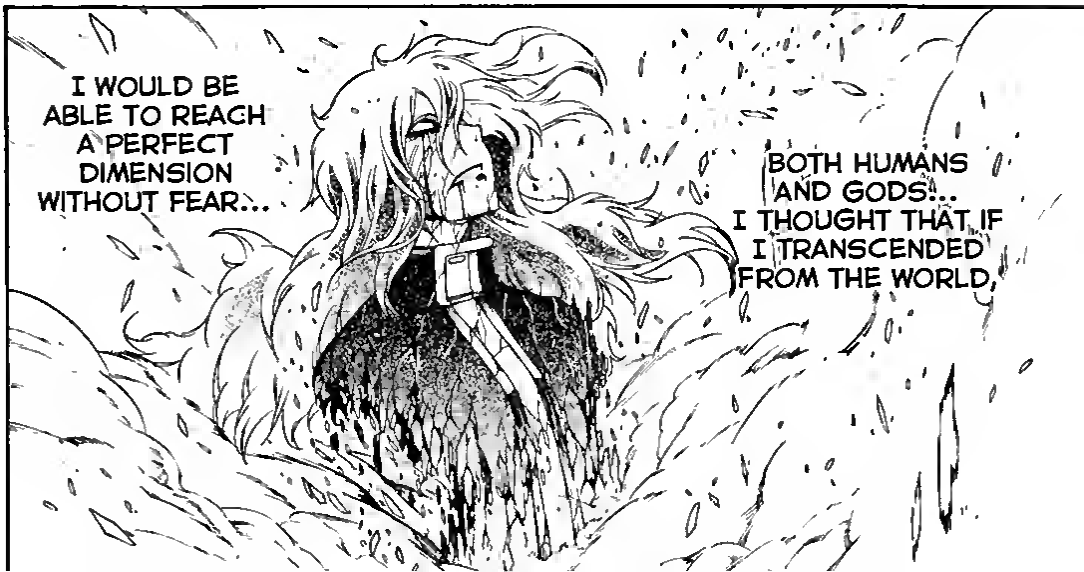
JINX: GREAT WILL

I WAS SUPPOSED TO BECOME PERFECT
BY TRANSCENDING EVERYTHING...
KYA-
OUCH ...
FROM THE BEGINNING IT WOULD HAVE BEEN GOOD IF YOU OBEDIENTLY HANDED IT OVER.
IF YOU INTERFERE ANY MORE, THEN I'LL KILL YOU.
NIR.
RETURN THE HELM!
I'LL GET ANGRY, YOU KNOW!

THOSE STRAIGHT FORWARD EYES...
I REMEMBERED THE FEAR,
AND BECAME UNABLE TO MOVE...
!?
NIR, LOOK OUT!!
STOP ...

STOP WITH THOSE EYES..!!!




I WOULD BE ABLE TO REACH A PERFECT DIMENSION WITHOUT FEAR...
BOTH HUMANS AND GODS!... I THOUGHT THAT IF I TRANSCENDED FROM THE WORLD,

HEHE ...
THAT MAKES SENSE ...
IF THE SOURCE DISAPPEARS,
I CAN'T MAINTAIN IMMORTALITY...
HOW PITIFUL ...
THE CREATOR'S POWERS ARE DISAPPEARING...
YEAH.
MY BODY'S DECAY WON'T STOP...
NO....
I DON'T
WANT
TO DIEEE EEE EEE EE EE

ITS...
OVER..?
NOPE.
NOT YET.
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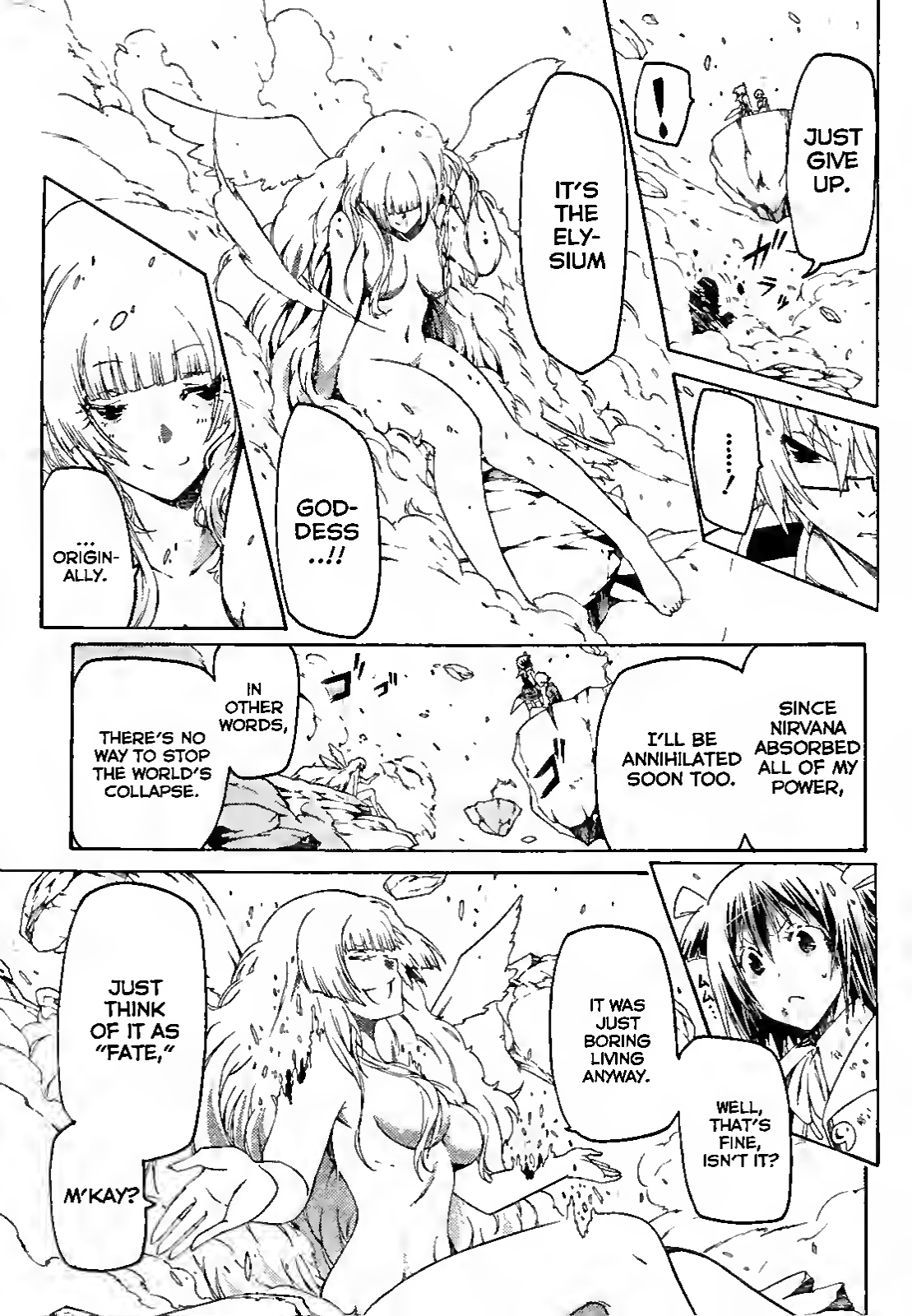
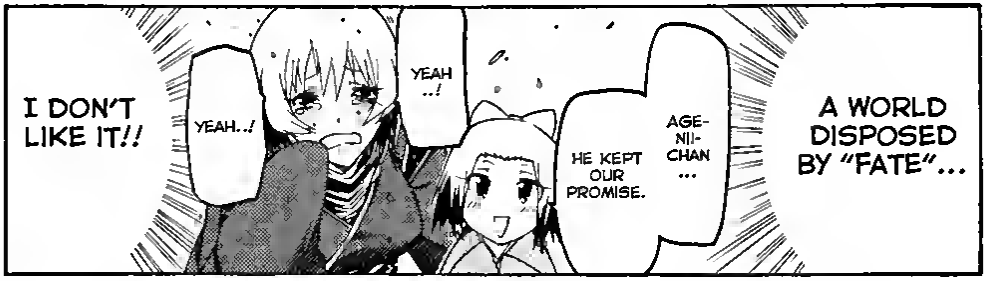
WE DIDN'T MAKE IT IN TIME...
THE WORLD'S COLLAPSE HASN'T STOPPED..!

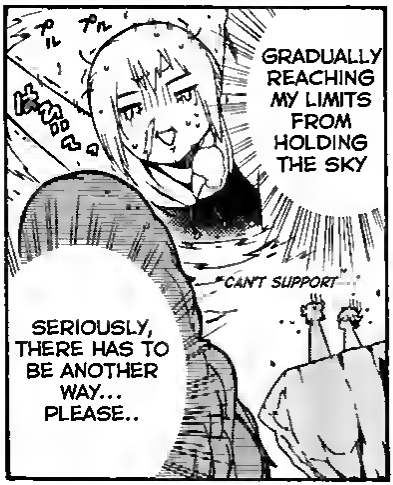

JUST GIVE UP.
!
IT'S THE ELY-SIUM
.....!
GOD-DESS ..!!
...ORIGIN-ALLY.
SINCE NIRVANA ABSORBED ALL OF MY POWER,
I'LL BE ANNIHILATED SOON TOO.
IN OTHER WORDS,
THERE'S NO WAY TO STOP THE WORLD'S COLLAPSE.
WELL, THAT'S FINE, ISN'T IT?
IT WAS JUST BORING LIVING ANYWAY.
JUST THINK OF IT AS "FATE,"
M'KAY?

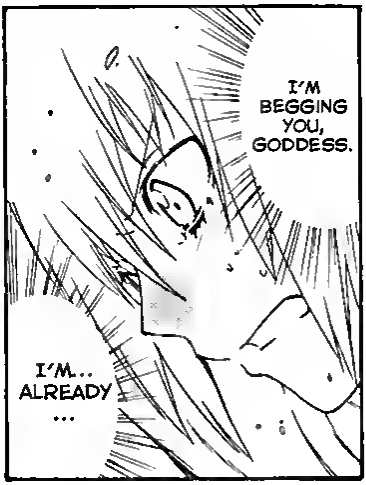
DON'T MESS WITH ME!!!
IF A GODDESS SAYS STUFF LIKE THAT,
BELIEVERS WOULD ONLY BECOME APATHETIC!!
IN MY OPINION, A NAKED SISTER IS A GREAT WELCOME, BUT...
!!!

A JINX USER LOVED BY THE HEAVENS ...
YOU HAVE INCREDIBLE FRIENDS.
HE'S JACKING MY ABILITY...!
DON'T GIVE UP!
TO HELL WITH SOMETHING LIKE FATE!
EXPLAIN THAT TO YOUR BELIEVERS!

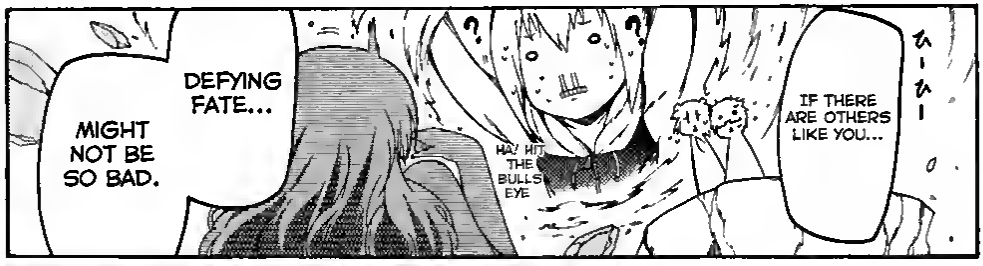

A WORLD DISPOSED BY "FATE"...
AGE-NII-CHAN ...
HE KEPT OUR PROMISE.
YEAH ..!
YEAH..!
I DON'T LIKE IT!!

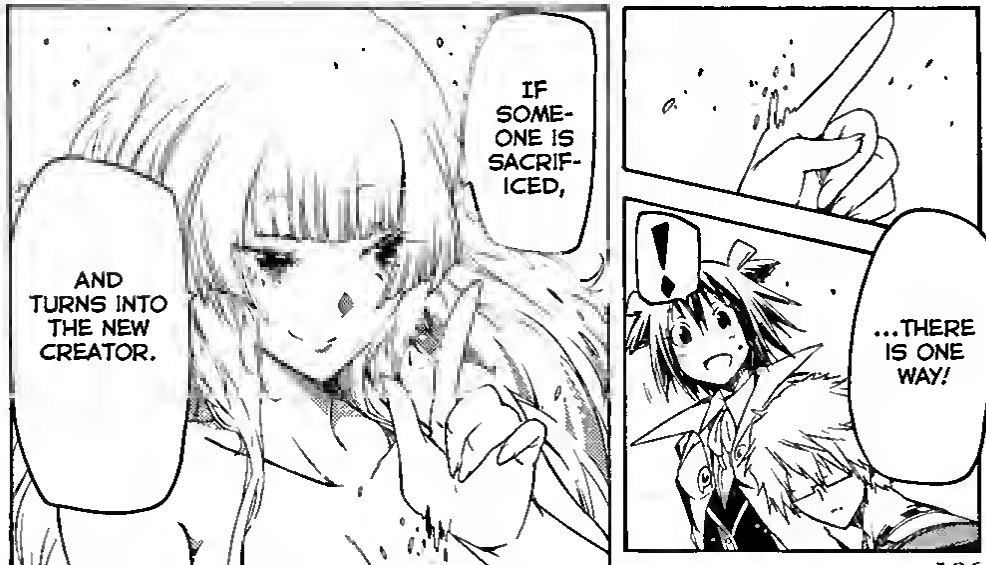
PREACHING TO ME...
...WHILE A HUMAN'S NOSE IS RUNNING...

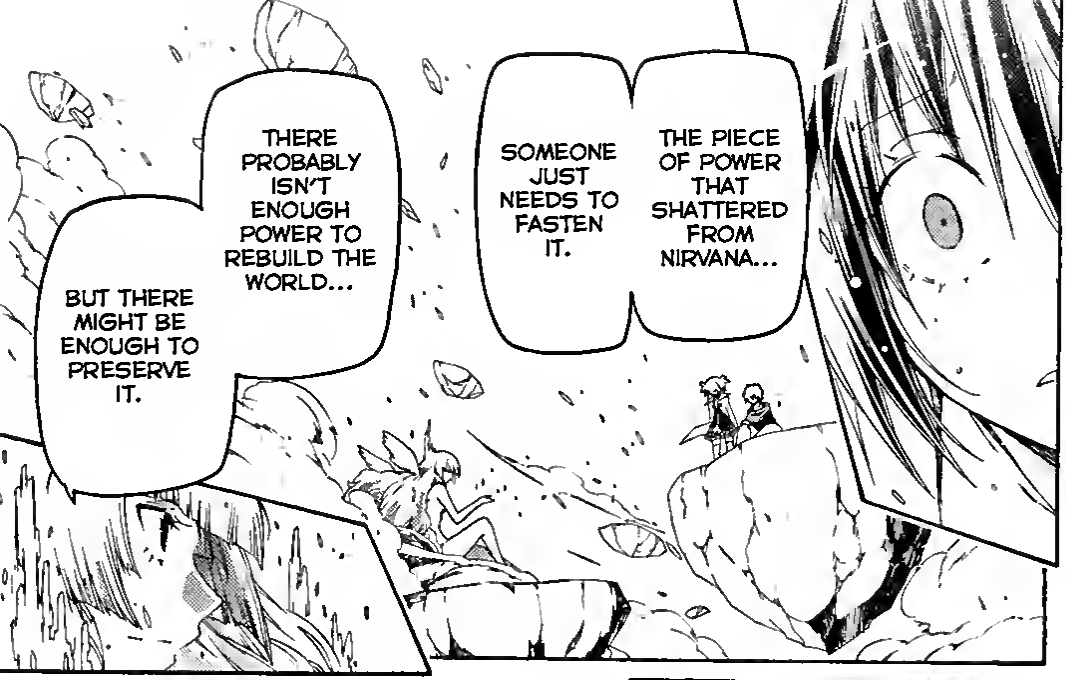

GRADUALLY REACHING MY LIMITS FROM HOLDING THE SKY
I CAN'T SUPPORT...
SERIOUSLY, THERE HAS TO BE ANOTHER WAY... PLEASE..

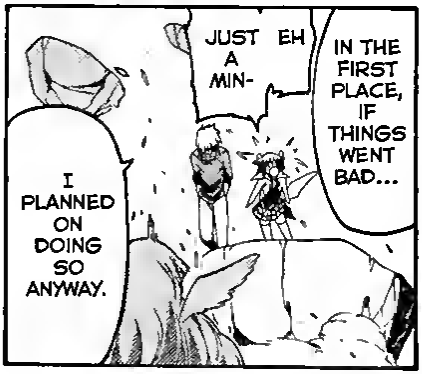

I'M BEGGING YOU, GODDESS.
I'M... ALREADY ...

PFT-
HAHA-
AH AH AH AH A-
HILARIOUS!
THIS HAS BEEN THE FUNNIEST OUT OF THOSE MILLIONS OF YEARS!!!


IF THERE ARE OTHERS LIKE YOU...
HA! HIT THE BULL'S EYE
DEFYING FATE... MIGHT NOT BE SO BAD.


...THERE IS ONE WAY!
IF SOME-ONE IS SACRIF-ICED,
AND TURNS INTO THE NEW CREATOR.


THE PIECE OF POWER THAT SHATTERED FROM NIRVANA...
SOMEONE JUST NEEDS TO FASTEN IT.
THERE PROBABLY ISN'T ENOUGH POWER TO REBUILD THE WORLD...
BUT THERE MIGHT BE ENOUGH TO PRESERVE IT.


IN THE FIRST PLACE, IF THINGS WENT BAD...
EH JUST A MIN-
I PLANNED ON DOING SO ANYWAY.

WAIT A MINUTE, REKI!
I DONT WANT THAT...
IF YOU REMAIN, THEN SO DO I..!!

I SEE.
!?
THEN THIS IS MY JOB.

I DON'T WANT A WORLD WITHOUT YOU.
I ALREADY SAID.
IN THE NEXT INSTANT YOU'D BE LAUGHING LIKE IT WAS ALL A LIE.
WHEN I DID, YOU'D STOP CRYING... JUST LIKE THAT.
I WOULD RUB YOUR HEAD LIKE THIS.
IN THE PAST, EVERY TIME YOU CRIED,
YOU'LL BE ALRIGHT WITHOUT ME RUBBING YOU.
BUT NOW,
AH...

THE LUNACANTA'S PEOPLE...
ぽぅ…
AH...
YOUR FRIENDS ...
ARE WAITING FOR YOUR RETURN.
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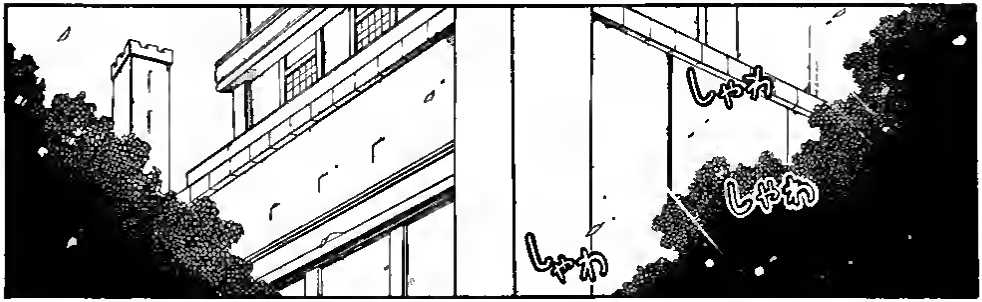
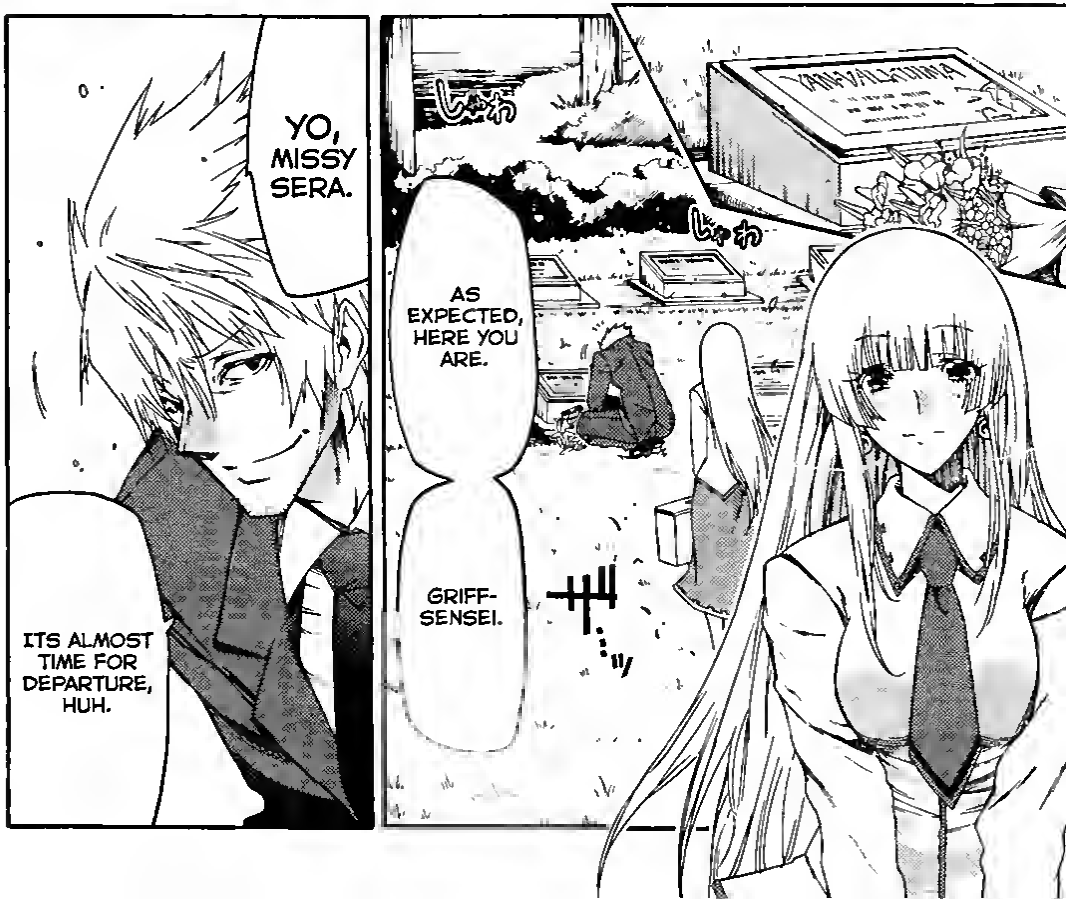
DA
DDY
!!!
BE
HAPPY,
MIO.

Keep on walking
I've utterly caused you trouble...
Sorry Lotte...
in our stead.
onwards
is for all you guys..!
The world...

5 YEARS LATER...





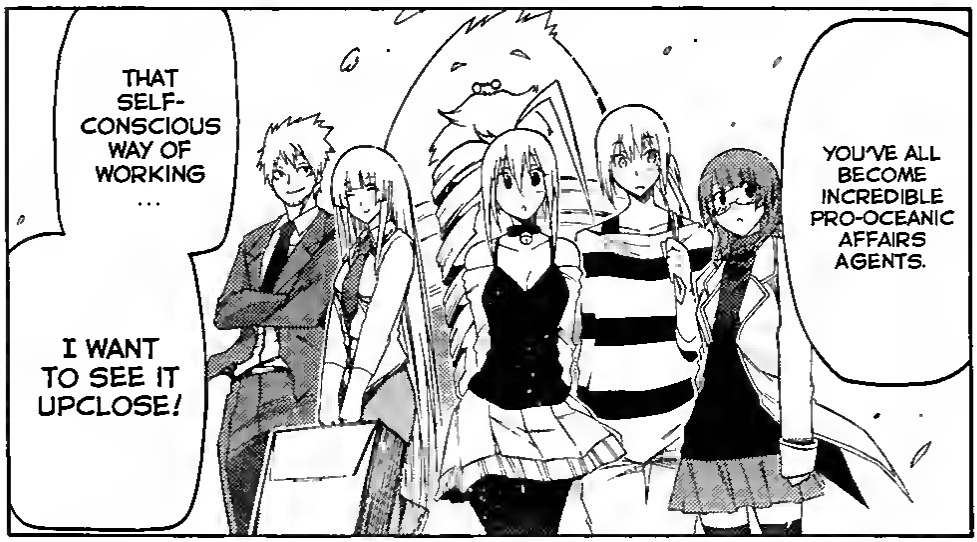
... SOME-HOW,
BECAUSE IN THE END, NO BODY WAS FOUND ...
I CAN'T BE THIS GUYS RE-PLACE-MENT.
WELL, ALL THINGS CON-SID-ERED...
NOT MY CHARACTER
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I'M CALLED A TEACHER, I CAN'T GET USED TO IT.
U FU FU,
LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE A SPLENDID REPUTA-TION WITH THE STU-DENTS.
UNUSUAL FOR A SCHOOL TEACHER NOWADAYS.
IF HE'S STILL ALIVE OUT THERE SOME-WHERE.
I CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER,
I HEAR, YOU'VE DECIDED ON THE NEXT DESTINA-TION?
COME TO THINK OF IT...
GEEZ
DON'T MOCK ME.
HUH!?
FU FU FU.
YOU KNOW, THAT GRIFF-SAN JUST NOW...
WAS A LITTLE COOL.

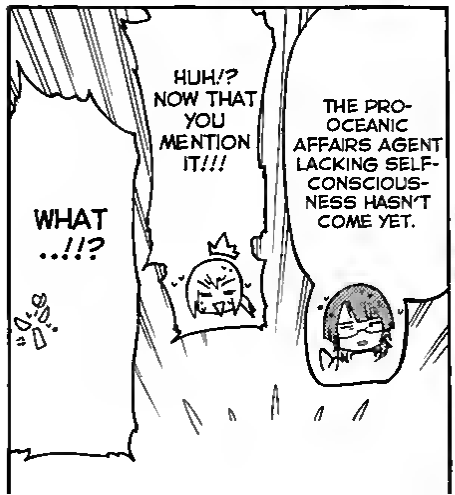
MISS, YOUR ARTIFICIAL ARM IS DOING GREAT!
YOO.
PACKED A LITTLE TOO MUCH.
PHEW...
TOLER-ABLY!
AS ONE WOULD EXPECT OF MINTO-SENSEI'S HAND MADE ARTIFICIAL ARM!
IT'S GOTTEN EASIER TO MOVE IT AS I PLEASE.
EVEN IF I FALL I WON'T WAKE UP, HUH...
IN OTHER WORDS, PUNISHMENT WILL BE DOUBLE THE CHASTISE-MENT...
MY OBJECTIVE IS TO BE AM-BIDEXTROUS SOONER OR LATER!
JUST WATCH!!

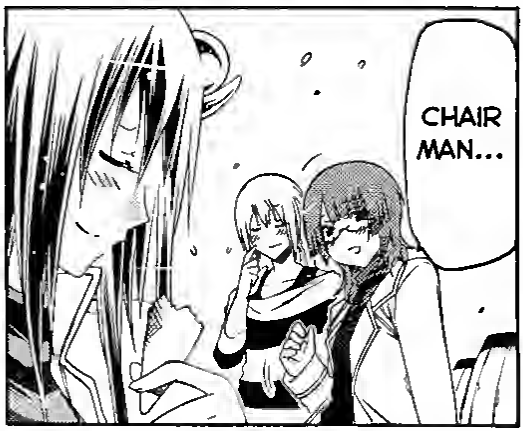
HU UU H!!
YO-
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT..?
EVEN PASSED IT THROUGH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ALREADY.
I'M SERIOUS.
AS OF TODAY, THE CHAIRMAN POSITION HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED TO ZAKURA.
AS AN APPRENTICE OCEANIC AFFAIRS AGENT,
I'VE DECIDED TO ACCOMPANY YOU ON YOUR JOURNEY.

WELL ...
ON A MORE SERIOUS NOTE...

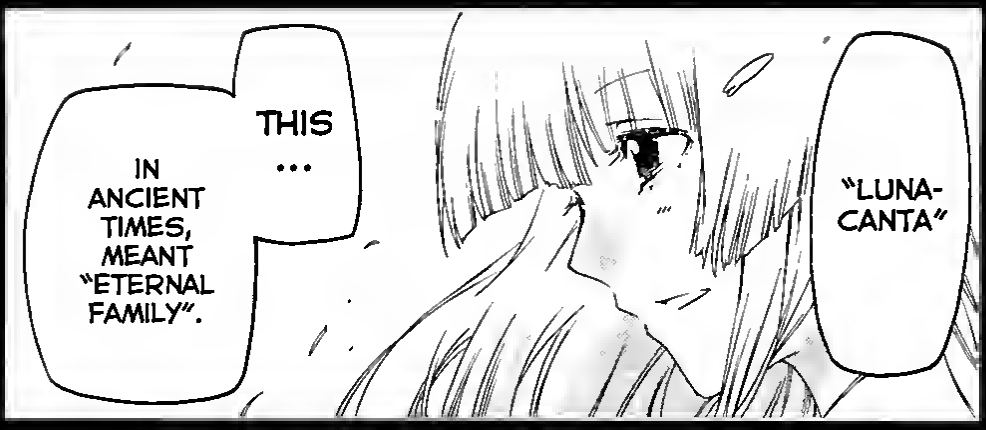
GEEZ, MY NICE BODY IS ALREADY CAUSING TROUBLE
I, AS A YOUNG MAIDEN,
MUST LIVE IN A STIMU-LATING MANNER!
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE CLOSING IN ON 100...


THAT SELF-CONSCIOUS WAY OF WORKING ...
I WANT TO SEE IT UPCLOSE!
YOU'VE ALL BECOME INCREDIBLE PRO-OCEANIC AFFAIRS AGENTS.


WHAT ..!!?
HUH!? NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT!!!
THE PRO-OCEANIC AFFAIRS AGENT LACKING SELF-CONSCIOUS-NESS HASN'T COME YET.

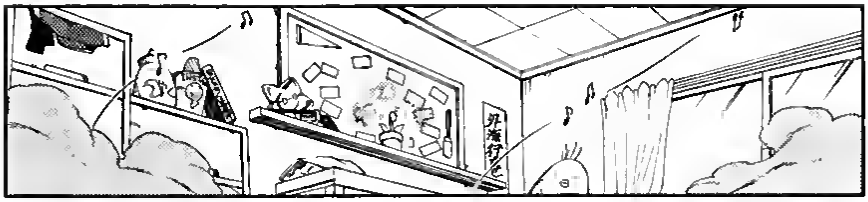

CHAIR MAN...

WATCH OUT, WATCH OUT!
UWA -!!
I FED BINO AND THE OTHERS AND NOW I'M LATE!
AH-
EH EH E.
CAGE, LETS GO TOGETH-ER, OKAY!
THE DES-TINATION THIS TIME IS...
THERE WAS A TERM I ALWAYS WONDERED ABOUT.
FROM THE FIRST TIME I MET MIO-CHAN...


"LUNA-CANTA"
THIS ...
IN ANCIENT TIMES, MEANT "ETERNAL FAMILY".

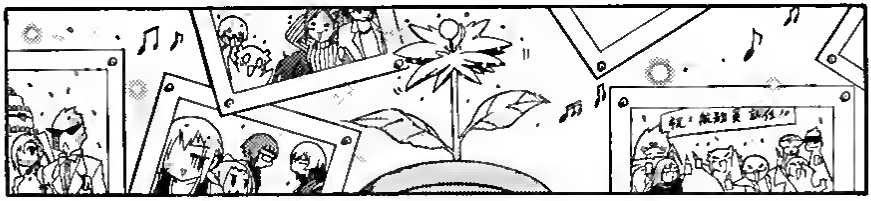
...?
THAT ...
HAS SOME-THING TO DO WITH THE DESTINA-TION?
A HOME THAT CONTINUE TO ORDINARILY USE THAT LANGUAGE EVEN NOW
HAS RECENTLY DISCOVERED IN THE OUTER SEA!

IT COULD BE...
THE CHAIRMAN'S OR REKI-SAN'S
BIRTHPLACE!



REKI,

I HAVEN'T SEEN ENOUGH DREAMS YET.



BUT MY FRIENDS ARE THERE...

AND UNKNOWN THRILLS AWAIT ME!!!

EV-
ERY-
ONE,

SORRY
FOR
THE
WAIT
!!!

エスプリー　おわり

名前　みお＝ルナカンタ
誕生日　3月30日
血液型　O型
出身地　ウッドツリー＝ホーム
苦手な物　お化け（プーちゃんを除く）

ジンクス能力『図南鵬翼』

「人間の限界なんてものは結局本人の心次第」。レキから教え継がれたその信念を下に、数々の壁をぶち抜いてきたみおが、遂に開花させたジンクス能力。本人の強い心だけでなく、自分を信じる他者の思いをも上乗せして、あらゆる物理法則に作用する。最終決戦では本人の強い意思と、みおを信じる多くの人々の思いが、神へと至ったニルヴァーナとの次元の差すら超越した。もっとも、反対に、自分の力や存在に自信がなくなった時などは著しく能力が落ちてしまう。

お守りに封じられた記憶

レキのジンクス能力の大半のキャパシティを使い、レキの夢から生まれたみおはレキが持っていた記憶すらも受け継いでいた。子供としての成長を望んだレキは、その記憶を抜き取ったものの、もしもの時のために、お守りの中へと封印し、みおに託していた。お守りからみおが受け取ったのは記憶だけでなく、出会うことのなかった母の温かさ。そしてレキの、父としての愛情だった。航務員となったみおは、今日もレキの見守るこの世界を旅していく…。

Character Profile.1 *Mio＝Lunacanta*

マリリン＝ジョモスを探せ！

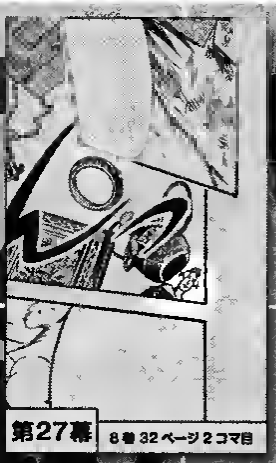
みおと共に様々な島・時代をを旅し、毎話必ずどこかに潜んでいたマリリン＝ジョモス。彼女とのエスプリトでの出会いもこれで最後。最終幕にはジョモスが二回潜んでいる。一つは内緒にしておくので、是非みんな探してみてね！

第25幕 7巻138ページ5コマ目

第24幕 7巻63ページ2コマ目

第23幕 7巻41ページ2コマ目

第28幕 8巻74ページ1コマ目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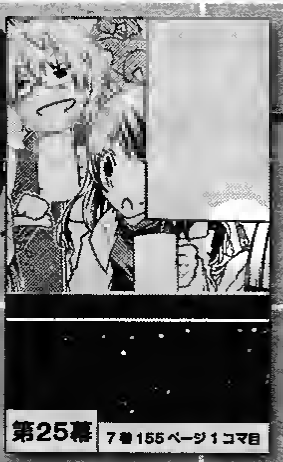
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最終幕 8巻???ページ?コマ目

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Thanks

井守戌
魚ウサ王
Ｅｓｔ
山田忍
えれっと
オニグンソウ
ペテン師
溝口ケージ
梱枝りこ
大沖
ひさ
ひなた睦月
るい・たまち
入穂

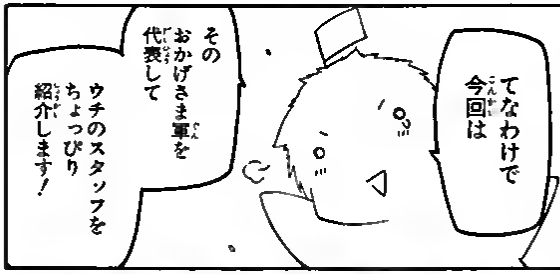
Main Staff

筒井大志
加藤有
ふーみん
畑田知里
パリポイ
春夏アキト

And you...

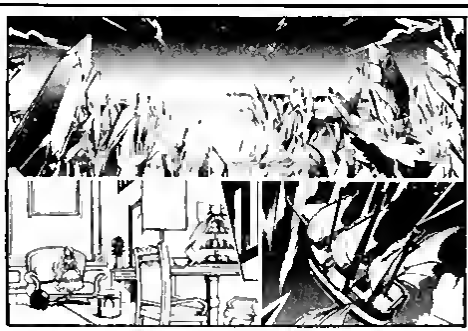
あとがき エスプリト

本当に色んな人たちのおかげさまでエスプリトで描きたかったことは殆ど全て描ききることができました



加藤 有さん

チーフとしてエスプリトの背景世界を共に作り上げてくれた僕らのお母さん！

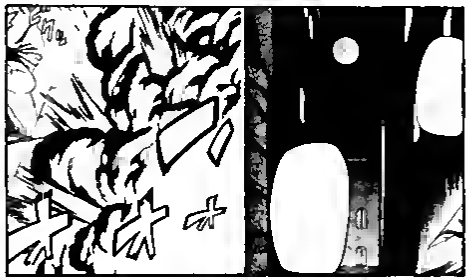


ふーみんさん

ド迫力&スタイリッシュな効果線でエスプリトのスピード感を演出してくれたよ！なんとスタッフ随一のチョコ消費量を誇るぞ！

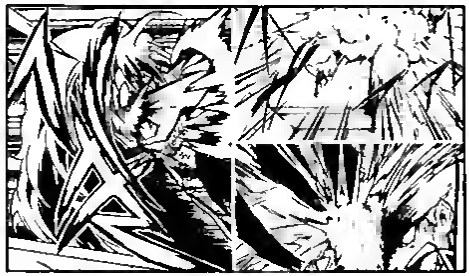
魚ウサ王さん

高い画力と人間力で
職場のムードメーカー的
存在だったが
今はめでたく独立し
商業誌にて奮闘中！



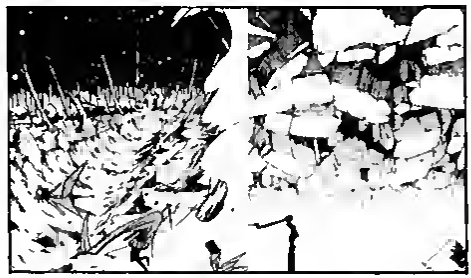
畑田知里さん

容姿に似合わず
非常に猛々しい
効果線&描き文字で
熱いバトルを
演出してくれたよ！



バリボイさん

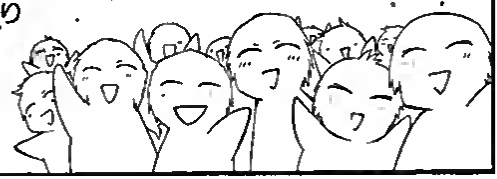
「バリボイブレイク」
という単語まで生み出した
破壊神バリボイ
高い画力で
あらゆる破壊シーンを
担ってくれたぞ！



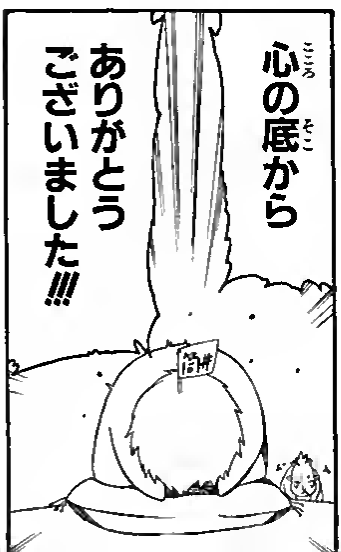
他にも
ヘルプで入ってくれた
方々や
二人三脚で
エスプリトを共に
作ってくれた
担当編集さん

支えてくれた
友人
恩師
家族

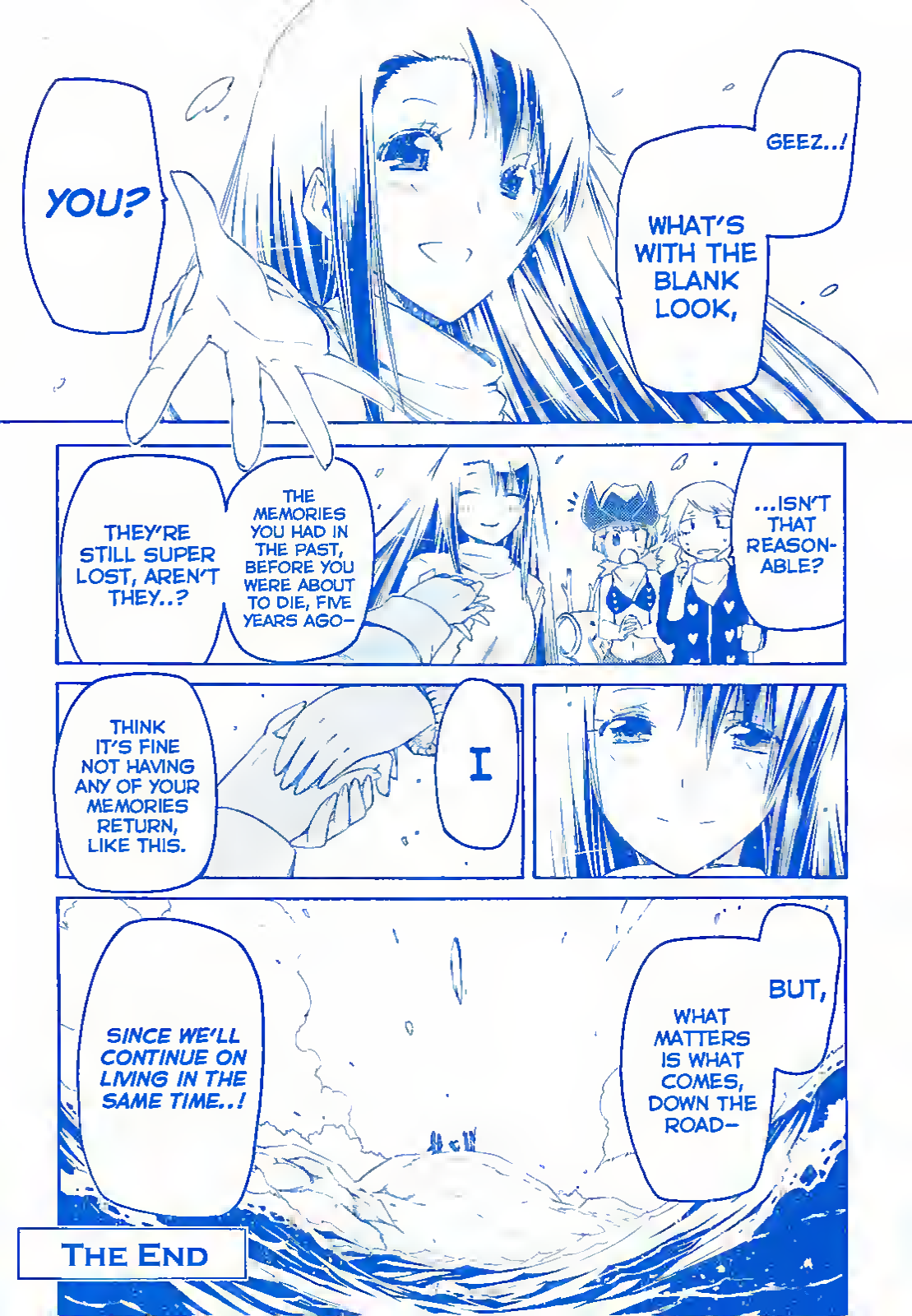
そして何より
応援してくれた
皆さん
ひとりひとりに



心の底から
ありがとう
ございました!!!



MHM,
THANKS TO YOU GUYS!
ザァァン…
TIME FLIES BY FAST, HUH?
IT'S ALREADY BEEN FIVE YEARS
SINCE THEN!
KIRIE!
GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE HAPPY,
I COULD NOT
THANK YOU THREE ENOUGH!


YOU?
GEEZ..!
WHAT'S WITH THE BLANK LOOK,
THEY'RE STILL SUPER LOST, AREN'T THEY..?
THE MEMORIES YOU HAD IN THE PAST, BEFORE YOU WERE ABOUT TO DIE, FIVE YEARS AGO-
...ISN'T THAT REASON-ABLE?
THINK IT'S FINE NOT HAVING ANY OF YOUR MEMORIES RETURN, LIKE THIS.
I
SINCE WE'LL CONTINUE ON LIVING IN THE SAME TIME..!
BUT,
WHAT MATTERS IS WHAT COMES, DOWN THE ROAD-
THE END

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